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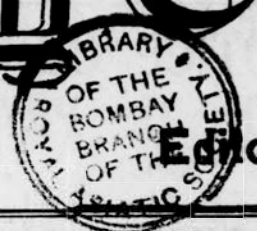
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Congress Cabinet Has Left Door Open

Mahatma Commends Moderation Of Working Committee's Resolution

SUBHAS URGES MINISTRIES MUST COME OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY

WARDHA, Oct. 23.

Interviewed by the Associated Press, Mahatma Gandhi stated "How I wish the studied moderation of the Working Committee's resolution will be recognised and appreciated by all concerned."

DOOR OPEN

"Deplorable as the Viceregal declaration undoubtedly is, there is nothing irretrievable."

"The moderation of the Working Committee's resolution leaves the door open for satisfying the national demand and averting the crisis."—A. P.

CALCUTTA: Oct. 23.

The opinion that it would make a greater impression on the public and on the British Government if all the Congress Ministries resign simultaneously is expressed by Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose in an interview with the Associated Press to-night on the resolution of the Congress Working Committee on the recent Viceregal declaration.

MERE RESIGNATION WON'T DO

Mr. Bose says: "I have read very carefully the resolution of the Congress Working Committee dealing with the Viceroy's statement. Along with other Congressmen I wholeheartedly welcome the decision regarding the resignation of Ministerial Office in the Provinces. I hope and trust that this significant step will be followed to its logical conclusion. If this is not done, I am afraid that mere resignation will prove to be ineffective and even futile."

BASIS OF UNITY

People of my way of thinking in the Congress acquainted the Working Committee with their views on the present crisis, when that body met at Wardha last month. To those views we still firmly adhere. Let me make it clear once again that on fundamental questions, which affect the very existence of the Congress, we shall not be bound in advance by the ordinary canons of unity and discipline but shall consider each case on its merits. Before we can agree to bind ourselves in the name of unity and discipline, we would like to be enlightened about the future programme of the Congress. If the immediate programme is a forward move and if unity and discipline are to be utilised in order to prepare for it, then our loyalty to the official policy of the Congress can be assured. Otherwise we must reserve to ourselves full liberty of action."

SUBHAS WANTS ACTION

Unfortunately we have not yet had any inkling whatsoever as to what the future programme of the Congress Working Committee is and we are decidedly not in favour of a policy of inaction or a policy of "wait and see," after the resignation of Ministerial offices. If the Committee want our unstinted support, they will have to announce their future programme and the sooner they do so, the better for all of us and for the country."

LEFTISTS' PLEA

For some time past we have been repeatedly advised to maintain unity and discipline within the ranks of the Congress. But it is to be regretted that along with

such appeals the onslaught against the Left Wing has proceeded apace. May I, therefore, respectfully remind the Congress Working Committee that, if they really want unity and discipline it is up to them to give evidence of a change of heart? "So far as we are concerned we have already pledged our wholehearted support, if we are given a bold lead."—A. P.

Discussion Of Future Programme With Gandhiji

WARDHA, Oct. 23.

Members of the Working Committee are staying behind to have consultations with Gandhiji who breaks his silence to-night. Gandhiji will meet them at Wardha to-morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon when the details of the programme of work of the Congress Committee all over the country will be discussed in the light of the resolution adopted by the Working Committee.

Among other items Hindu-Muslim unity, Khaddar, organisation of Congress Committees etc., will come up for discussion and instructions will be issued keeping in view the state of affairs in

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different provinces. Members of the Working Committee had preliminary discussions this afternoon and things are expected to take final shape after consultation with Gandhiji.

Hon. Mr. Ataulah Khan, Minister for Education, N.W. Frontier Province, arrived here this evening by the Frontier Mail.—United Press.

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY TO ASK MINISTERS TO RESIGN

BOMBAY, Monday.

There was considerable activity among the members of the Congress Legislature Party to-day in view of the resolution which is to come up before the Assembly clarifying its attitude towards war. A new move was undertaken by Mr. S. K. Patil, one of the members of the Party, to-day, by giving notice of an amendment to the main resolution which is to be sponsored by the Premier.

The amendment, it is understood, is to the effect that in view of the failure of the British Government to meet the Indian demands the Assembly, while recording its fullest confidence in the Ministry, calls upon them to tender resignation.

The Congress Legislature Party is expected to have a special meeting after the consideration of the resolution by the Assembly.

POLISH GOVT. PROTESTS

Against Plebiscite In Russian Occupied Area In Poland

LONDON, Oct. 23.

A Plebiscite took place in Russian occupied areas in Poland. Polish Government in Paris has sent a note to France, Britain and neutral countries declaring that the Plebiscite is contrary to International Law.—Reuter.

King's First Visit To Militia

LONDON, Oct. 23.

The King paid his first visit to the Militia to-day, wearing the Field-Marshal's service uniform and saw all phases of training, during a tour of three barracks in the Southern Area.—Reuter.

FINNISH DELEGATION REACHES MOSCOW

BERLIN, Oct. 23.

The Finnish Delegation arrived in Moscow this morning.—Reuter.

KAMALADEVI FOR NEW YORK

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Oct. 23.

MRS. KAMALADEVI CHATTOPADHYAYA LEFT FOR NEW YORK BY A NEUTRAL VESSEL THIS MORNING. AFTER VISITING JAPAN AND CHINA, SHE WILL RETURN TO INDIA.—REUTER.

PANDIT NEHRU LEAVES FOR BOMBAY

WARDHA, Oct. 23.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru leaves Wardha by the Nagpur Mail to-morrow evening for Bombay where he is arriving on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. Panditji stays in Bombay for two days and is expected to proceed to Allahabad thereafter.—United Press.

Indira Nehru To Return To India?

It is reported that Indira daughter of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru is not keeping good health in England.

It appears, her studies are temporarily dislocated and she may perhaps return to India owing to the war situation in Europe.

13 GERMAN 'PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

LONDON, Oct. 23.

On the southern coast of Scotland, our coastal defences have brought down 13 German planes during the week besides many machines that were crippled and could not safely fly.—Reuter.

SOVIET CRUISER ENTERS LIBAU

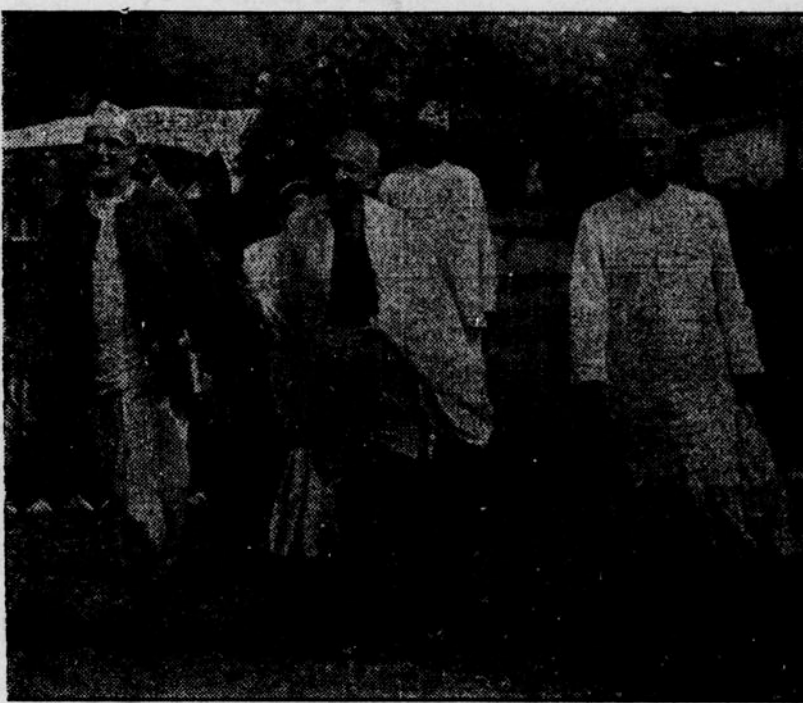
LONDON, Oct. 23.

One Soviet cruiser and two destroyers entered Libau harbour to-day, according to the German official wireless. Libau becomes a base for the Soviet navy under the recent Soviet-Latvian Treaty.—Reuter.

FRANCO-ITALIAN TRADE WILL LOOK UP

PARIS, Oct. 23.

Trade between France and Italy is specially facilitated by partial removal of export and import restrictions applicable elsewhere. All restrictions are removed for goods of Italian origin carried across France for the Allies or neutrals and for goods from the Allies or neutrals shipped via France to Italy.—Reuter.



Cheerful as ever, Gandhiji is seen arriving at Wardha from Shgaon to attend the momentous session of the Congress Working Committee on Sunday. At his left is Sardar Vallabhbhai.

Cold Weather Tells On German Lines

SCARCITY OF WARM CLOTHING & FOOD

Quiet Day On Western Front: British Airmen Sink Two Submarines

LONDON, OCT. 23.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT THERE HAS BEEN NO DEVELOPMENT, AND THE LAST 24 HOURS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY QUIET BUT FOR SOME GERMAN ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, PATROL WORK AND PREPARATION OF POSITIONS.

Plight Of German Front

THE RECENT SPELL OF COLD WEATHER HAS CAUSED GREAT DISCOMFORT IN GERMAN LINES, ACCORDING TO GERMAN PRISONERS. THEY COMPLAIN OF THE SCARCITY OF WARM CLOTHING AND INSUFFICIENCY OF FOOD.

COLD TELLS ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, Oct. 23.

It is growing colder on the Western Front. At night time the sound of stamping on duckboards is heard in the trenches as troops try to keep warm. Here and there smouldering charcoal fires smoulder in braziers. Behind the lines the troops are trying to obtain wood to light fires in the billets.

IN GERMAN LINES. German prisoners taken in the last 48 hours are suffering badly with cold and complain that they have no blankets and have only one hot meal a day. They declare that the food they get from the French is far better than in the Germany Army.—Reuter.

R. A. F. PILOTS SINK TWO NAZI SUBMARINES

LONDON, October 23.

The Air Ministry state that two attacks were recently made on U-Boats by R.A.F. aircraft. Both are believed to be successful. One was in the North Sea and the other on the Atlantic.

After attacks, pilots circled above the places, where the submarines had disappeared but nothing more was seen of the U-Boats.

PILOT'S REPORT. Following is the pilot's report of the North Sea attack:—"The reconnaissance aircraft sighted and attacked the submarine in position. A salvo of anti-submarine bombs was dropped ahead of the periscope. The sub-

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Nazi Army Purge

High Officers Removed From Command As Supporters Of Monarchy

PARIS, Oct. 23.

A number of high German army officers on both Active and Reserve Lists have been removed from their commands, being accused of supporting the restoration of Monarchy, according to the Zurich correspondent of "Le Journal."

They include Gen. Von Hammerstein, Chief of General Staff before Von Fritsch and Gen. Von Stulpnagel, a leading figure in the military circles.—Reuter.

BERLIN FIAT FOR NORDIC STATES

Neutrals Asked To Direct Shipping Through Kiel Canal

COPENHAGEN: Oct. 23.

A new move in Germany's so-called Continental Blockade of Britain is reported by "Politiken's" Berlin correspondent, who states that Germany has asked all the Nordic States to direct their shipping through the Kiel Canal instead of the Baltic.

The Nazis contend that this will facilitate neutral trade as the ships can be more speedily searched for contraband.—Reuter.

Danger Of Throwing Away Indian Goodwill

Prof. Laski Says India Is Given Nothing Better Than Pious Hope

WHAT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REALLY MEANS

LONDON, OCT. 23.

PROF. HAROLD LASKI, WRITING IN THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" DESCRIBES THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AS A "POOR RELATION" AND ADDS: "IT WILL HAVE NONE OF THE AUTHORITY OF EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE MAKING OF DECISIONS. INDIA IS GIVEN NOTHING BUT A PIOUS HOPE FOR THE FUTURE AND WE HAVE THE PRINCES AND THE MINORITIES DRAGGED IN TO PLAY THEIR USUAL PART OF OBSTRUCTING ANY PROGRESS NOW."

Why Throw Away Goodwill?

"AN IMAGINATIVE GOVERNMENT HAD A GREAT OPPORTUNITY OF ENLISTING THE VITAL POLITICAL OPINION OF INDIA ON OUR SIDE. I DO NOT NEED, IN THE LIGHT OF MR. GANDHI'S STATEMENT ON THE WHITE PAPER, TO EMPHASISE THE DANGER OF THROWING AWAY INDIAN GOODWILL."—REUTER.

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Bombay Ministers Hail Wardha Decision

The decision of the Congress Working Committee has not come as a surprise to the local Congress circles who hold that after the declaration of the Viceroy and the Secretary of State for India, the Wardha decision could be the only natural corollary.

The Hon. the Prime Minister and his colleagues, interviewed by the "Chronicle" said that it was not worthwhile carrying on the experiment which they had undertaken just over two years ago, in view of the declarations by the Viceroy and the Secretary of State.

"We will obey" said the Finance Minister in a one-line statement. The Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher in an interview said:—

"The decision of the Working Committee is the only decision which the Congress could have taken at such a time. I know it has met with universal approbation. There is nothing in the statement either of the Viceroy or the Secretary of State for India which will make it worthwhile carrying on our experiment any longer."

When Nazis Launched Gas Attacks On Poles

PARIS: Oct. 23.

The Havas Correspondent at Cernauti (Rumania), learns from reliable source that the Germans launched gas attacks on a Polish infantry regiment in the neighbourhood of Raciawice on September 6 and 8.—Reuter.

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POLISH GOVT.'S GOLD

LONDON, Oct. 23.

A German suggestion that Polish National Bank's gold, which was removed before German occupation, may be handed over to Turkey by the British Government is officially denied. It is added that the gold is the property of the Polish Government which alone have the power to dispose of it.—Reuter.

MORE LEVY ON GERMAN JEWS

BERLIN, Oct. 23.

The Finance Minister has increased the levy on Jewish fortunes by 5 per cent, to 25 per cent from November 15 according to the official News Agency.

LATEST ON WESTERN FRONT

LONDON, Oct. 23.

A Communique states that there was marked activity on the part of elements in contact more particularly in the region west of the Saar.—Reuter.

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A NEW RATE CIRCULAR, viz., Special Rate Circular No. 18 of 1939, is being issued to-day. Particulars may be obtained from the Chief Traffic Manager, Bombay, or stations. (1256)

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS.

THE GENERAL MANAGER, Bombay, invites tenders for the supply of 25 tons Tin Ingots. Tender forms obtainable from the Railway's Controller of Stores, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2 per copy, which amount will not be refunded. Payment by cheques, postal orders and postage stamps will not be accepted. Closing date 7th November, 1939, at 3 p.m. (S. T.). (1247)

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SAN P.E. Secretary, Public Service Commission, Burma. Rangoon, October 4th, 1939. (1211)

Legal Notices

SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

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Suit No. 1081 of 1937

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION of the City of Bombay & Anr. Vs. Bai JAMNABAI, widow. Defendant

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Dated this 23rd day of October, 1939.
PHIROZE C. BHARUCHA, Sheriff of Bombay. 1255.

Public Notices

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(1236)

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M. D. BHAT, Municipal Commissioner, for the City of Bombay. Municipal Offices, Bombay, 18th September, 1939. (1110)

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SCARCITY OF DRINKING WATER IN THANA

(From Our Correspondent) THANA, Oct. 22. There are cases of Malarial fever in many houses. The enteric fever seems to be taking an epidemic form. There are now not less than 14 cases of typhoid in Thana under the treatment of doctors. There was a case of meningitis in Bhandar Galli which has been removed to Bombay for treatment.

Address To Bhopatkar.

At the meeting of the Thana Municipality held yesterday it was resolved to present an address of welcome to Mr. Bhopatkar, a prominent member of the Democratic Swaraj Party and an active worker of the Hindu Maha Sabha.

Swimming Pool. The local Samarth Seva Sangha had requested the Municipality to grant it on permanent lease a part of the tank of Kopinewar Mahadev for making a Swimming Pool for teaching the art of swimming to the students of their Hanuman Vyayam Shala. The matter came up for urgent consideration at last evening's meeting and the Municipality resolved to grant the permanent lease and ask for Government sanction.

"Engineering Workers Must Unite"

A public meeting of the Bombay Engineering Workers Union was held at Jacob Circle, Bombay under the Presidency of Mr. S. L. Taskar.

Mr. Mane, General Secretary of the Union narrated the history of the Union from the beginning and exhorted the workers to join Union in thousands.

Mr. G. M. Jadhav, Vice-President of the Union, at the outset gave the history of other sister Unions with whom he was in touch.

"If the worker," he continued, "desires to go with the guidance of their leaders by legitimate ways, they are sure to win half the battle."

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THAKKAR COMPLETES HIS SEVENTY YEARS

Gandhi's Appeal For A Big Purse

Mahatma Gandhi writes in "Harijan." Thakkar Bapa, the father of Harijans and all those who are almost like them and classified as semi-civilised races, animists and what not, completes his seventy years on 29th November next. The inmates of Harijan Nivas in Delhi have planned to celebrate the event in a manner that must delight Thakkar Bapa's heart. They want to collect the modest sum of Rs. 7,000 to be presented to Thakkar Bapa on his birthday for the Harijan cause.

They want me to bless and advertise the effort I have written to them accusing them of little faith. Thakkar Bapa is a rare worker. He is unassuming. He wants no praise. His work is his sole satisfaction and recreation. Old age has not slackened his zeal. He is himself an institution. I once suggested that he might take a little rest. Immediately came the answer "How can I rest

when there is so much to do? My work must be my rest." He puts to shame every young man around him in the energy he expends upon his life mission.

A purse of Rs. 7,000 is an insult to the cause and to him who carries on his broad shoulders its heavy burden. The workers must aim at collecting nothing less than Rs. 70,000 from all India. Even that amount is nothing for the cause and its father. But it is a respectable enough sum to be collected inside a month. How I wish it was possible to collect coppers from Harijans and Bhils. They know him. But the monied and middle class men too know Bapa and love him.

I have no doubt that they will subscribe liberally to the fund both for the cause and for the great Sevak who represents it. Subscriptions may be sent to Harijan Nivas, Kingsway, Delhi. Harijan Ashram, Sabarmati or to Seagon, Wardha.

ATTACK ON DUSSERAH PARTY

Twenty Persons Injured: Armed Police Rush To Spot

SYLHET, October 23

Twentythree men were injured in a serious clash that took place last evening at Shilam, 3 miles away from Sylhet on the occasion of the Dusserah.

Mr. P. Cakroborty, a local zemindar and his men who brought the image of the Goddess Durga for immersion to the river side, it is reported, were suddenly attacked by some Mahomedans. The Deputy Commissioner with an armed force rushed to the spot but the rioters fled before any arrests could be made.—United Press.

MINOR CLASHES AT JUBBULPORE

(From Our Correspondent.)

JUBBULPORE, Oct. 23. Except minor clashes resulting in about fifteen casualties, in various wards of the city, Dassera processions passed off peacefully yesterday.

To-day, the city presents normal appearance with shops open and usual traffic. The presence and constant patrolling by District Officials in the affected areas restored public confidence. Communal tension reported from Mandal where police reinforcements were despatched. At Katni clashes also are reported to have occurred.

Communal Riot Near D. I. Khan

PESHAWAR, Oct. 23

The Hon. Dr. Khan Sahib, the Premier, and the Hon. Mr. Bhanu Jaram Gandhi, Finance Minister, few this morning to D. I. Khan where a communal riot occurred last night resulting in one being killed and fourteen including police constables being injured.

Trouble started over a Dussera procession at 9-30 at night. The situation was brought completely under control by midnight.—United Press.

Fourteen Injured At Lakhminia

PATNA, Oct. 23.

A serious Hindu-Muslim riot over the immersion of the Goddess Durga took place at Lakhminia in Begusarai Sub-Division, Monohyr District yesterday night. So far it has been ascertained that 14 persons have been injured, eight Hindus and six Muslims. The cause of the riot is stated to be a dispute over the route of the procession to which objection was taken by the Muslims.—United Press.

Mrs. Naidu On Duty Of Young Lawyers

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, (By Mail.) That the duty of a young lawyer was not merely to quote ancient laws, most of which had become obsolete, but to try to change them to suit modern circumstances, was the advice given by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu addressing the eighth social gathering of the University College of Law, Nagpur, in the University Convocation Hall on Friday.

Indian politics was law ridden from Mahatma Gandhi downwards, said Mrs. Naidu. While society had progressed, law had remained static and became stagnant. If men had made laws in the past, men can change laws to suit their present-day conditions and she expressed a hope that from the budding lawyers whom she was addressing some of them may become modern Manus.

A young lawyer, continued Mrs. Naidu, should not only aim at reconciliation of his clients, but he should extend his field and try to reconcile the different sects and communities.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and Mr. C. J. Bharuka, Minister for Industries, exhorted the audience to wear khadi and use Swadeshi goods, when they opened two Swadeshi Exhibitions, one arranged by the Bengali community in the Dinanath School compound and the other arranged by Seth Nanakchand, near the Indian Gymkhana, Dhantoli, Nagpur, on Friday.

BARODA, Oct. 23.

Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, Dewan of Baroda, is leaving for Delhi to-night and will stay there for about a fortnight. He is expected to be back to the city by the first week of November. It is stated that the Dewan's visit is in connection with certain important State matters.—United Press.

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LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON FOUR POINTS UP

Moderate Activity On Stock
Exchange

GILT-EDGED IN DEMAND

General Buying In London Silver

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

DECEMBER 1939	
New York, Oct. 23.	
Previous closing	8.98
To-day's opening	9.00
Difference	+0.02
To-day's closing	9.02
Difference	+0.04

LIVERPOOL COTTON

JANUARY 1940	
Liverpool, Oct. 23.	
Previous closing	5.72
To-day's opening	5.69
Difference	-0.03
To-day's closing	5.68
Difference	-0.04
Broach A/M Expectation	Rs. 196

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

The New York cotton showed some steadiness on scattered trade support but the general enquiry was restrained by lack of stimulating outside cables with consequent slow movements. The trading in Dec. began at 9.00 i.e. two points higher than the last closing. Prices steadied on higher Liverpool cables and trade and local buying but the outside enquiry was lacking, December receded to 8.99.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading
Bombay, Oct. 23.
To-night, Broach April/May opened at Rs. 194-12, advanced to Rs. 196-4 and finally closed at Rs. 195-12.

NEW YORK COTTON

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:-
December (8.92/8.91) 9.00/9.00
March (8.77/8.76) 8.84/8.84
May (8.69/8.68) 8.76/8.75

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool, Oct. 23.
American January (5.74) 5.70
American March (5.73) 5.69
Giza November (7.08) 6.97
Giza January (7.20) 7.11

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, Oct. 23.
METALS
Tin (£230 quiet) £230 quoted: quiet.

RUBBER
Spot (10 5/8 paid and sellers) 10 5/8 paid and buyers

Forward January March (10 1/16 paid and value) 10 1/16 paid and value

JUTE
Dundee November (£34 1/4) £34 1/4
Lightning November (£32) £32

BULLION
Influx (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Silver 23 1/8
Gold (£8-0-0) £8-0-0

MADRAS SHARE MARKET
Sugars Active

MADRAS, Oct. 23.
Business in the local market was quiet. Govt. securities and banks remained steady, whilst among textiles Buckingham was again well enquired for at Rs. 192. Plantings were in good demand, whilst sugars and miscellaneous shares were active.

Exchange Transactions 3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes Rs. 84/7, 84/8; 9 per cent 1945/55 G. I. loan Rs. 107/8 small lot; 5 per cent 1943/53 Cochran loan Rs. 102/10; 3 1/2 per cent 1956/61 Cochran loan Rs. 94/8, 94/4 small lot; 6 1/2 per cent 1941/51 Mysore loan Rs. 105/12; Reserve Bank of India Rs. 101/8; Imperial Bank of India P.P. Rs. 334; 5 per cent East Tanjore Elec. Supply Corp. Debts. Rs. 102; Pankaja Mills Rs. 84; Nov. Sri Ranga Vilas Mills Rs. 41/14; Buckingham Rs. 192; Periana Ramalal Tea Rs. 15/12, 15/14; Manalpur rubber Rs. 2/6; Thamarai Pally rubber Rs. 2/13; Cottanad plantations ordy Rs. 2/11; Ballanour tea and rubber ordy Rs. 4/5; Velliamattam rubber Rs. 14 small lot; Mithland rubber Rs. 3/6; Chembra peak 2/8, 2/7/6; Deccan sugars small lots Rs. 36; Travancore sugars Rs. 8/8; Mysore Papers Rs. 10/2, 10/4, 10/6; Brunton and Co. Rs. 4; Associated Cements Rs. 130/6, 132/4, 133, 133/8; November Indian Steel Rollins Mills Rs. 3/4; Indian Iron and Steel Co. Rs. 31/15; Tata ordy Rs. 338, 339, 341/4, 334/3; Nov. Tata Delf. Rs. 184/5, 185, 186/8, 186/5; Nov. Indian Copper Rs. 2/4/6, 2/5/6.

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON	
New York, Oct. 23.	
Previous closing	4.01
To-day's opening	4.00 3/4
At the time of New York cotton closing	not received.

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Oct. 23.	
Previous closing	4.02 to 4.04
To-day's opening	4.02 to 4.04
To-day's closing	4.02 to 4.04

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London, Oct. 23.	
Previous closing	176 to 177
To-day's opening	176 to 177
To-day's closing	176 to 177

LONDON EXCHANGES

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02 to 4.04 which is officially fixed rate. Franc was officially fixed at 176 to 177.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-4) 1-6	
Paris on Bombay (13.23 3/4) 13.23 3/4	
New York on Bombay (30.40) 30.40	
London on Milan (78.75) 78.75	
London on Shanghai (0.4 5/8) 0.4 15/16	
London on Kobe (1-2 buyers 1-2 1/32 sellers) 1-2 buyers 1-2 1/32 sellers	

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 3/4 to 1 13/16 per cent)	
1 3/4 to 1 13/16 per cent	
4 months (1 7/8 per cent) 1 7/8 per cent	
6 months (2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent) 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent	

LONDON SILVER CABLE

The following cable regarding London silver market was received here to-day. "Little general buying. Small business. Market quiet."

LONDON SILVER

London, Oct. 23.	
Spot (23 1/8) 23 1/8 nil	
Forward (21 15/16) 22 3/16d+1/4	

LONDON GOLD

London, Oct. 23.	
Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8-0-0)	
£8-0-0	

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay, Oct. 23.	
SILVER	
Silver ready	58 1/4 0
Silver Asho	59 1 0
Silver Kartak	59 5 0

GOLD

Gold ready	41 5 3
Gold Asho	41 5 0
Gold Kartak	41 4 9
Sovereign	26 10 0

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay, Oct. 23.	
Wheat January	3 12 3
Wheat May	3 15 0
Linsed May	6 4 3
Groundnuts February	36 5 9
Castorseed May	39 12 0
Cottonseed January	25 0 9

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

Karachi, Oct. 23.
To-day's closing quotations:-
Cottonseed Jan. 8/12; Punjab Jan. 15/4; Desi American Jan. 21/31; Tane quiet.
Wheat Nov. 25/7/9; Jan. 26/7/3; July 27/12.
Tone: Weak.
Gram Nov. 32/14/6; Jan. 33/5/6; July 30/2; Toria Nov. 43/1; Feb. 40/13; Cotton seed Jan. 20/10/6.

PEPPER AND GINGER MARKET

Bombay, Oct. 23.
(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association Ltd.)
Pepper ready Allepey per catty Rs. 88 0 0
Pepper ready Calicut per catty 87 0 0
Pepper Asho Sud 15th per catty 86 0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per catty 92 0 0
Pepper ready Lampung in cwt. 12 0 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt. 15 0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt. 17 0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt. 19 0 0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Oct. 23.
The following are the opening quotations:-
General Motors (dol 54 3/8) dol 54 7/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 33 3/4) dol 33 5/8
U S Steel Common New Stock (dol 76 3/4) dol 77 1/4
U S Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Oct. 23.
INDIAN LOANS
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£92) £92
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£79 3/4) £79 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£101 3/4) £101 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68 (£105) £105
1 per cent Indian Stock 1948-63 (£100) £100
5 per cent 1942-47 (£103 3/4) £103 3/4
4 per cent (£94) £94

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1940-50 (£99) £99 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£66 5/8) £66 7/8
1 1/4 per cent Conversion Loan (£90) £90
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£102) £102
5 per cent Funding Loan (£101 1/2) £101 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£91 1/4) £91 1/4
1 per cent Victory Bonds (£102 1/4) £102 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-6) 11-8
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (49-4 1/2) 49-1 1/2
Hydro Electric (2-7 1/2) dol 3 1/8
Elec. Meters Industry (7-4) 7-6
Prinching Johnson (21-0) 21-0
Imperial Chemical (25-5) 25-6
Woolworth New Ordinary (57-3) 57-5
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates (18-0 1/2) £18
Dunlop Rubber (27-4 1/2) 27-4 1/2
Unilever Ordinary (25-4 1/2) 25-0
Ford Motors (14-6) 14-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£48) £48
Elec. Meters American Tobacco Ordinary (£8-9) £8-9
Caracas 'A' (£6) £6
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (112-6) 112-6
P and O Def (20-7 1/2) 20-7 1/2
Distillers (90-9) 90-9 (Ex Rights)
Bredford's Oyo (4-4 1/2) 4-4 1/2
British Celanese (6-3) 6-3
J and P Coates Ordinary (28-3) 28-3
Courtaulds Ordinary (28-6) 28-4 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinning (4-6) 4-6
Vickers Limited Ordinary (17-6) 17-9
Inter Nickels (dol 48 1/4) dol 48 3/4
Indian Iron (44-1/2) 44-1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam (15-0) 15-0
Tea (25-0) 25-0
Empire of India (21-0) 21-0

JUTES

Barnagore (£12 1/2) £12 1/2
Anglo Dutch Rubber (28-3) 28-6
Gula Kelampayan (16-0) 16-0
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (30-3) 30-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (28-1 1/2) 28-9
Rio Tinto (5-3/4) £5 3/4
East Rand Proprietors (45-0) 45-0
Rand Mines (£6 1/8) £6 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£12 3/4) £12 3/4
Associated Portland Cement (68-1 1/2) 68-3
Trinidad Leaseholds (83-9) 81-3 Ex Div
Sub Nigel (£9 1/2) £9 3/4
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-9) 25-9
Union Corporation (£6 3/8) £6 1/4 Ex Div

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (25-0) 25-0
Anglo Persian (61-3) 61-3
Burma Oil (64-4 1/2) 65-0
Berrian Eagle (5-10 1/2) 5-10 1/2
Shell Transport (34-1/2) 34-4 1/2
Royal Dutch (£36) £35 3/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£30 1/4) £29 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£11) £11
London North Eastern Def (£2 1/4) £2 1/8
London Southern Def (£10 1/4) £10
London Transport 5 per cent (£107) £107
London Transport 'C' (£45) £45

BANKERS' CLEARING

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 20-10-1939 were as under:-
Number of cheques 1,12,631.
Amount of cheques Rs. 21,36,31,851-12-6

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS

Bombay, Oct. 23.
N Y Kaisha's Japanese ss Kaisho Maru of 4417 reg tons, Captain T Kubo arrived from Karachi with cotton scrap iron and general cargo.
F F Campbell and Company's American ss Presk. Polk of 6612 reg tons, Captain C W Hawkins arrived from New York with passengers and general cargo.
Lionel Edwards' Norwegian ss Troja of 4084 reg tons, Captain T Bohn arrived from Surabaya with passengers and general cargo.

LOADING

The following vessels booked for loading on 23-10-39:
Dutch ss Springfontein
Dutch ss Hoogkruis

IMPORTS

95 cases fruits; 2214 bundles crude asbestos; 33 cases drugs; 6471 tons coal; 48 bundles empty oil gunnies; 1545 nos. empty iron drums; 11337 bags copra; 2640 bags potatoes; 4600 bags cloves; 1278 bags gum; 3948 bales cotton raw.

EXPORTS

1120 bags groundnut oil cake Ralli Bros; 3890 bags groundnut oil cake B T

ALL-INDIA WEATHER REPORT

(From Our Correspondent.)
POONA, Oct. 23.
The following are the maximum, minimum temperature and rainfall figures recorded at various stations during twenty-four hours ending 8 a.m. to-day:-

Station	Temperature		Rainfall
	Max. Min.	Past 24 Hours	
	Total Since 1st June	Differ- ence to Normal	

BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Ashwin Shud 12, 1939
Muslim: Ramzan 10, 1358
Parsi: Ardibehast 19, 1399
High tide: 9:32 22:48
Low tide: 2:36 15:40
Sunrise: 6h 36m
Sunset: 6h 11m

Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Legislative Council 2 p.m.
Municipal Schools Committee 4-9 p.m.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL KAMGAR SANGH

A monthly meeting of the Managing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 7 p.m. in the office of the Sangh at Parel.

SAFETY FIRST ASSOCIATION

The concluding lecture on "Anti-Air Raid and Structural Defences" by Major K. H. Lockhart, A.C.R.E., 6-15 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), conference hall, Electric House; open to members only.

PUBLIC MEETING AT SANTA CRUZ
Under the auspices of the Santa Cruz Congress Committee a public meeting will be held to-day (Tuesday), at 9-9 p.m. (S.T.) at Saraswat Colony Hall, Santa Cruz, to support the resolution of the Prime Minister of Bombay to be moved in the Bombay Assembly on the 25th instant.

Mr. Shantilal H. Shah, M.L.C. will address the meeting.

"C" WARD MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION

There will be a public meeting to support the candidature of Mr. Vithaldas Govindji at Popatwadi, Kalbadevi, to-day (Tuesday) at 6-30 p.m. when Mr. S. K. Patil will preside and Messrs. Y. K. Parulkar, Sunderdas Morarji, Ganpat Shaukar Desai and others will speak.

PRIVATE MOTOR DRIVERS' UNION
Mr. N. T. Shroff, General Secretary, Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union writes:—

"An urgent meeting of the members of the Executive Committee of the above Union will be held to-day (Tuesday), at 9-30 p.m. at the Office of the Union."

WORLD YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Association a public meeting will be held at the Jamboree Maidan, at 8 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), to register the support of the residents of Worli to the resolution to be moved by Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, at the Bombay Legislative Assembly on Wednesday on the Congress attitude to War.

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CAPITOL—"King of the Jungle" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"The Story of Alexander Graham Bell" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Tell No Tales". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Yes, Madam". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"They Shall Have Music!" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Bhole Bhale". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Kapal Kundala". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Pati-Patni". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"The Great Moghul". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Swastik". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

OPERA HOUSE—"Sant Tulsidas". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admiral". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Bhabhi". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"In Search of Happiness". Daily at 4-45, 7 and 10 p.m.
FLAZA—"The Only Way". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
BANDIA TALKIES—"Judge Hardy's Children". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
DIAMOND—"Flying G. Men". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Captain Fury". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Durga". Daily at 4-15, 6-45 and 10 p.m.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Monday.
The Governor of Bombay attended by Mr. T. E. Streatfield, Lt. Colonel L. C. Palk, Military Secretary, Captain J. Penhols, Surgeon, Captain G. D. Chetwode, Captain P. Arkwright and Captain H. St. P. J. Bennett, Aides-de-Camp, left Kirkee and arrived at Government House, Bombay, the same morning.

BOMBAY ZIONIST ASSOCIATION
A meeting of the Jewish community of Bombay, arranged by the Bombay Zionist Association, will be held at the Cama Oriental Institute, opposite R. I. N. Dockyard, near Museum, at 6-30 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday) to offer the support and the services of the Jewish community in India to His Majesty's Government in the prosecution of the War.

S. K. PATHARE SOCIAL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE
The annual prize distribution ceremony of the S. K. P. Social and Literary Institute was held on Sunday, in the Byramji Jeebhoy Institute's Hall, at Charni Road, under the presidency of Mr. Shantaram J. Pathare. The speakers paid tribute to the services rendered by Mr. Shantaram J. Pathare, who was responsible for several reforms in the community, establishment of useful institutions and general uplift of the community.

FREUD MEMORIAL MEETING
Under the auspices of the International Psycho-Analytical Association, and the Indian Psycho-Analytical Society, a public meeting will be held in memory of Prof. Sigm. Freud at the Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, to-day (Tuesday) at 6-30 p.m. when speeches will be delivered on the late professor's life and work.

4TH MAHARASHTRA AND KARNATAK MEDICAL CONFERENCE
The 4th Hon. Secretaries of the Fourth Maharashtra and Karnatak Medical Conference, Nasik, writes that the Fourth Sessions of the Maharashtra and Karnatak Medical Conference will be held at Nasik on 3rd, 4th and 5th November 1939. Dr. V. R. Khanolkar B.Sc., M.D. (Lond.), Bombay, is to preside. There will be open discussions on the "Streptococcal Infection" in all its aspects.

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AROUND THE COURTS

16 Prohibition Arrests During Week-end

Bombay Monday.

Sixteen persons were arrested by the Prohibition Police, in different parts of the city, during the week-end.

Ten persons were found in an alleged Chandul smoking den, and were arrested at 12 noon yesterday on the first floor of a house in 8th Kamathipura Street.

Two persons were arrested on Sandhurst Road railway station for alleged possession of one open bottle containing about four drams of country liquor (coloured Bwada).

The rest were arrested for alleged possession of Charas at Foras Road yesterday.

All the accused persons were placed before Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, today, and were ordered to be released on bail.

Factory-Owner Sentenced

Sheth Nurmohamed Jaffer Lakhani, who was charged under the Factory Act for employing more than 20 persons in his factory the New Coronation Iron Works at Foras Road, was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 100 or, in default, to undergo one month's simple imprisonment by Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, today.

Theft Charge Fails

BOMBAY, Monday.
At the Esplanade Police Court Mr. O. H. Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, delivered judgment in the case in which Amelia Lucas Desouza charged Francis Xavier Desouza with theft of gold ornaments collectively valued at Rs. 380.

The accused pleading not guilty stated that the ornaments in question had been made for her by her grandmother in 1914 for her marriage which did not come off.

The Magistrate found defects in the prosecution. Accepting the defence story the Magistrate directed the acquittal of the accused and ordered the jewelry to be returned to him.

ARRESTED ON CHEATING CHARGE

Ramrao Uchil and Vasant Harshet Dale were arrested on a charge of cheating and were produced before Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, to-day.

Both the accused were offered bail in the sum of Rs. 750 each till the 6th November.

Mr. Joachim Alva appeared for Rama Rao Uchil.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH VERDICT ON OLD MAN.

The City Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death at the inquest held to-day on Narayan Sadashiv Bandekar (70) who sustained severe injuries in a fall on Wednesday.

It was stated that the deceased's dhoti came in contact with a bucket and consequently he fell down, his forehead having dashed against the rim of the bucket. He died in the G. T. Hospital on Saturday.

HOTEL EMPLOYEE COMMITS SUICIDE.

The body of Hiralal Mohanji (18) residing at Krishna Bag, was found in a well at Mahar Bowdi on Saturday.

It is learned that the deceased has no parents and was working in a Hotel at Bhat Bazar.

That the deceased, who had fever, must have thrown himself into the well in a state of delirium, was the verdict returned by the City Coroner's jury at the inquest held on him, to-day.

Alleged Fraud In Ahmedabad Firm

(From Our Correspondent).
AHMEDABAD, Oct. 23.
Local police has arrested the cashier of the firm of Sheth Ishvarlal Bhogilal on a charge of committing fraud involving about two lakhs of rupees.

It will be recalled that the said firm had failed in last August when after an inquiry it was found that the Cashier and other "Gumastas" have committed the fraud.

One partner of the firm had filed a complaint resulting in the arrest of the Cashier.

KARACHI, Oct. 22.
The District Magistrate of Karachi issued an order to the effect that no goods, motor vehicles private or public, laden or unladed, shall be permitted to ply within the Municipal and Cantonment limits of Karachi between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.—United Press.

PREMIER AT AHMEDNAGAR

Visit To Industrial Co-op. Association

(From A Correspondent).
AHMEDNAGAR, Oct. 22.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Kher, paid a visit to-day to the Industrial Co-operative Association, Ltd., Ahmednagar, formed under the Government of India Scheme for the Marketing of Hand Loom Products.

Rao Bahadur Chitale, Chairman of the Association took the Prime Minister round the Dye-house, the loom-shed and small exhibition arranged of the goods manufactured by the Association. The Prime Minister was very much pleased to see the hand-spun and woven blankets, shawls, worsted coatings and shirtings, dhotees, towels, cotton shirtings and coatings and fancy saris, etc., sent to hear that about 80 per cent. of the weavers have left off the production of old type saris and undertaken the production of new type of goods.

The Prime Minister advised the weavers present to go with the times and take the credit of maintaining the long standing industry of the country next in importance to agriculture.

Premier Opens Urban Bank

(From A Correspondent).
AHMEDNAGAR, Oct. 22.
The Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, arrived here on Saturday night.

Sunday morning's programme began with a visit to the Congress Office at Bhingar, a suburb of the Cantonment. The next main item was the opening of the new building of the Urban Co-operative Bank, which has been built at a cost of Rs. 41,000.

The Premier was then garlanded after which he proceeded to the building and declared the same open. The main burden of the Premier's address was the importance of co-operation.

"The information that has been supplied to me shows that this Urban Bank is moving on a sound basis and I congratulate Rao Bahadur Chitale and the present management for the service they are rendering to the country."

KARACHI, Oct. 23.—The Sind Anti-Dowry Act will come into operation from November 1 next, according to a notification in the Sind Government Gazette. The Act fixes dowry transactions of a marriage at Rs. 500 only.—United Press.

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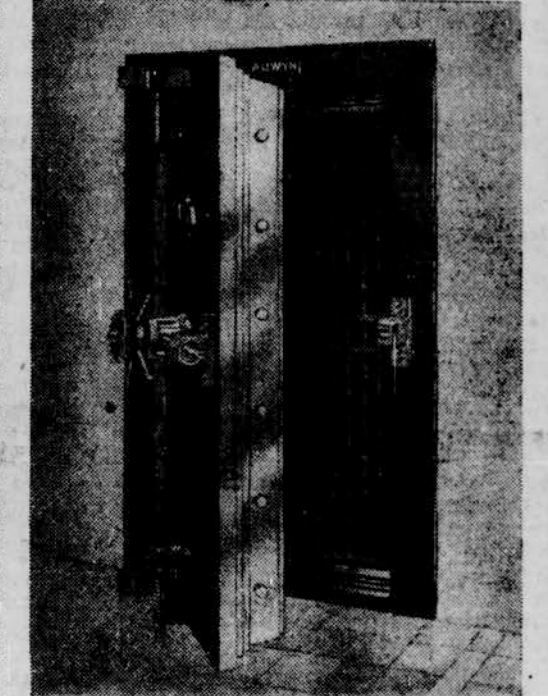
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THE NEXT TASKS

The Congress Working Committee's decision to call upon its Ministers to resign has been received by the public with regret but without any surprise. There is no surprise as the decision was expected the moment the Viceroy's statement was published. As most of the Ministers, who have given Press interviews on the subject, say, resignation is the only honourable reply of a Congress Minister to the British Government's thoughtless rejection of "the proffered hand of friendship." There is a feeling of regret among the public as a regime so rich in reform and so much richer in its promise is so suddenly cut short. The regret is the deeper because the public feel that the terms made by the Congress were simple and could easily have been accepted by the British Government. With regard to the capital that is being made of minority views Mr. C. Rajagopalachari pertinently points out that the Congress itself wants a constitution agreed to by the people "not only as a majority agreement but with the seal and approval of all important minorities."

Country's Support

The people's regret at the resignation does not at all mean that they disapprove of it. They unreservedly approve of it though they regret the Ministers having been forced to take such a step. If there is any doubt about this, it will be cleared by the debates in the legislatures over the resolution to be moved on this subject by the Congress Premiers. To the Bombay resolution to be moved by the Premier, an amendment is proposed to be moved by a Congress member adding to the resolution the following clause: "And in view of the failure of the British Government to meet the Indian demands, this Assembly, while recording its fullest confidence in the Ministry, calls upon it to tender its resignation." We believe that a similar amendment will be moved in other Assemblies, too, where Congress is in office, and we are sure that everywhere the amendment will be adopted. The country as a whole unreservedly supports the decisions which the Congress has already taken and will, we feel confident, loyally support further decisions which it may be compelled to take in the very near future.

Wanted Vision And Statesmanship

The question now upper-most

Hitler And Balkans

If the French reports can be believed, Herr Hitler has, during the last week, had two shocks not one. The first is, of course, the Ankara Treaty which sounded the final death-knell of his ambitions in the Balkans. He is thoroughly agitated over it and it would not be unnatural if he made a desperate struggle against it. And his conferences with his Ambassadors in Turkey, Russia and Italy show that he is not quite prepared to resign himself to the inevitable. There is still, however, no indication of the actual shape which his action will take. Herr von Papen has been ordered to return to Ankara immediately which would suggest that he was bearing some communication to the Turkish Government. This communication, whatever its nature, is not, it is reasonable to believe, supported by Italy or Russia. The former is afraid of the Russian menace. The latter can gain no-

thing by supporting German ambition. Herr Hitler must, therefore, act alone. But any action that he may seek to take in the Balkans will be suicidal at this stage. The second shock, which, if true, is positively more serious, is the reply from M. Stalin to his personal letter. What appeal the Fuehrer had made is not known. But whether it was an appeal for intervention between the belligerents or for full assistance to Germany, Stalin's reply is reported to have brought Herr Hitler "bitter disappointment." This means that the Fuehrer finds himself unexpectedly and completely isolated. Hitler being what he is, he is bound to be moved by his megalomaniac's fury. He must defy frustration by something intensely desperate. And it is quite likely that it will be, as some circles anticipate, a series of fierce air attacks on Britain.

Baroda Forges Ahead

The Government of Baroda deserves to be congratulated upon its enactment of a Social Disabilities Removal Act. The full text of the Act has not yet been received by us but from the press summary it appears to be fairly comprehensive and more liberal than the Bill which is at present before the Bombay Legislative Assembly. The Baroda Government have removed all restrictions operating on the Harijans in their employment in public services or use of public places, water supply, roads and means of transport and entry into and enjoyment of facilities provided in institutions, other than religious, which are open to Hindus as a community, or licensed

ed or subsidised by Government. This law will be not only helpful in guaranteeing the essential human rights of the Harijans but will also serve as a lever for their uplift. It will give them a new consciousness of their dignity and enable them to take their due part in society. We do not know whether any of the offences under the new Act are made cognisable. It may be hoped that the Bombay Bill also may now be suitably amended and brought more in consonance with the aims which the Congress has always stressed. What Baroda has achieved is surely not impossible for Bombay.

Towards Literate Bombay

A Five-Year Plan

By DINKAR DESAI, Servants Of India Society II

The most consult and at the same time the most important task in the successful working of this Plan is to bring illiterate adults to literacy classes. The average illiterate adult in Bombay City is a manual labourer. He works long hours, receives inadequate wages, has no security of employment, is often unemployed, and lives in overcrowded and insanitary chawls with all the disadvantages of city life. These unfavourable and depressing factors tend to make him a fatalist with little enthusiasm for attending a literacy class after a hard day's toil. It is, therefore, necessary that extensive propaganda should be carried on, appealing to the illiterate adult to join the class. The advantages of literacy should be clearly brought out to his mind, placing special emphasis on the economic advantages that he will derive from being a literate person.

There should be a literacy campaign lasting for a full month just before the beginning of each session. As stated above, the Monsoon Session should commence in June and the Winter Session in December. Hence there should be two campaigns in one year, the first being in May and the second in November. Both the months of May and November are very favourable for starting these campaigns. The high school and college students as well as teachers can actively participate in the campaigns, if they are undertaken in May and November in view of the fact that schools and colleges are closed for summer and winter vacations during these months.

The preparatory work of the campaigns should begin a month earlier, that is, in April and October. Literacy volunteers should be enrolled from among the students, teachers and other sections of the population. The main work of these volunteers should be to carry on ceaseless propaganda throughout the length and breadth of the City in May and November, inducing adults to join literacy centres and rousing general enthusiasm among the population of the city in solving the problem of literacy. All available means of propaganda should be made use of. Literacy campaigns similar to the last campaign but on a more extensive scale should be inaugurated in every May and November. It is only as the results of such half-yearly campaigns that we can hope to get the required number of illiterate adults to join classes at the beginning of each session. No other method can possibly succeed.

The number of classes during one session being 2,000, we shall require the services of 2,000 teachers. As the teachers will have to work for less than two hours a day, efficient men can be secured as teachers by paying them a monthly honorarium of Rs. 10. As it may not be so easy to secure the services of women teachers in sufficient numbers for women's classes, the salary in their case will have to be raised to at least Rs. 15 as an inducement for women to come forward as teachers.

The teachers should be given training in the method of imparting literacy to adults. With this end in view, training classes should be started, the duration of the training period being restricted to a week or two. As the teachers are to be made acquainted with the method of teaching in reading and writing, only two weeks' training appears to be adequate for the purpose.

Every 10 classes or 300 to 400 adults should have a supervisor, who should be paid an honorarium of Rs. 20 a month, including his conveyance charges. His duties should be (1) to pay weekly surprise visits to classes, (2) to check the attendance register, (3) to advise teachers on the method of teaching, (4) to supervise generally the management of classes, and (5) to submit a monthly report regarding the progress of classes under his supervision. As far as possible, supervisors should be graduates or secondary school teachers. As the total number of classes will be 2,000 the number of supervisors required will be 200.

By forming an estimate of the cost of imparting literacy to 70,000 adults during one session, it will be easy to get an idea of one entire cost of the Five-Year Plan. The cost of one session may be estimated as follows:

(1) Salaries of 1,315 men teachers and 685 women

teachers for a period of four months, each man teacher being paid Rs. 10 per month and each woman teacher Rs. 15 ... 93,700
 (2) Salaries of 200 supervisors for a period of four months at per supervisor Rs. 20 per month. ... 16,000
 (3) Cost of one-month's campaign at the beginning of each session. ... 10,000
 (4) Lighting charges for 2,000 classes during one session at Re. 1 per class per month. ... 8,000
 (5) Cost of providing literacy charts, continuation lessons, slates and pencils to 70,000 adults at annas eight per adult. ... 35,000
 (6) Cost of maintaining a paid staff at the central office, including office rent. ... 12,000
 (7) Stationery, Printing, Postage, etc. ... 3,000
 (8) Miscellaneous ... 2,000
 (9) Additional expenses for women's classes ... 20,000
 Total Rs. ... 1,99,700

The cost of one session being Rs. 2,00,000, in round figures, the annual cost or the cost of two sessions will be Rs. 4,00,000 and that for the entire Five-Year Plan will be Rs. 20,00,000. My proposal is that out of the annual cost of Rs. 4,00,000, the Government of Bombay should contribute Rs. 2,00,000, the Municipal Corporation Rs. 1,25,000 and the public Rs. 75,000. It should not be very difficult to collect Rs. (Continued on page 3.)

Frankly Speaking

Nazis And Poison Gas

The Polish Embassy in London has categorically denied that Poland ever used or received supplies of poison gas. That the German allegations against Poland and Britain in this connection are a purely Nazi invention and an unfounded lie is an undoubted fact. And there cannot be any better proof of Nazi lying in this connection than the outspoken reports to his Government by the U. S. A. Ambassador in Poland, who openly asserted that poison gas was used by the Nazis. The point, however, about persistent allegations is not the truth or otherwise about them, but about their ominous objective. We think the British interpretation is not wide of the mark. Herr Hitler, it is quite likely, is preparing a pretence for using poison gas either on the Western Front or during his aerial raids on Britain.

A Roosevelt Sensation

Senator Borah, the veteran American Senator and isolationist, has launched a strong personal attack on Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador. Whether or no "powerful British influences" led by Lord Lothian are actually trying to draw the United States actually into war, it is interesting to note that Lord Lothian has been conferring daily with the members of the Administration on the subject of the Neutrality Act. It proves that the sympathies of the Administration are wholeheartedly with Britain and France. This, of course, is a well-known fact. But President Roosevelt has gone further. He has given public proof of his sympathy in a sensational manner by attending a religious service at which prayers were offered for British victory in the war.

Credits For Turkey

The British are evidently taking no chances. The Ankara Agreement was a diplomatic triumph for them. They are rapidly following it up with an economic agreement under which Turkey will be granted a credit of as huge a sum as 60 million pounds sterling. This is, of course, intended to serve a three-fold object, to capture German trade, to forestall Russia and to consolidate Anglo-Turkish friendship. This financial assistance will be quite welcome to Turkey, particularly because, thanks to At-

turk, the country knows how to guard against the subtle dangers of economic friendship.

Thakkar Bapa Jayanti

We invite the attention of our readers to Gandhiji's appeal, published elsewhere in this issue, for contributions to the purse proposed to be given to Mr. A. V. Thakkar, the devoted Secretary of the All-India Harijan Sevak Sangh, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday on 29th November next. For many years past Mr. Thakkar has completely dedicated himself to the service of the depressed and suppressed classes of India and is affectionately called Thakkar Bapa by these classes in Gujarat. He has been the pillar of the Harijan Sevak Sangh ever since its inception. Though he is now seventy he works as hard as ever. As Gandhiji remarks, "he puts to shame every young man around him in the energy he expends upon his life mission." The members of the Harijan Nivas in Delhi who originated the idea of presenting him with a purse wanted to collect only Rs. 7,000 for the purpose. But Gandhiji rightly remarks that such a small purse "is an insult to the cause and to him who carries on his broad shoulders its heavy burden." We trust Mr. Thakkar's friends and admirers and all those who cherish the Harijan cause will generously and promptly subscribe to the purse fund. Gandhiji states in his appeal that subscriptions may be sent to Harijan Nivas, Kingsway, Delhi or to Harijan Ashram, Sabarmati or to Seagson, Wardha.

Literacy Classes In Bombay

The public of Bombay will be happy to learn that the Adult Education Committee appointed by Government has decided to open in November 400 literacy classes in the city for adult men and women more or less on the lines on which about as many classes were conducted from May to August last. Government are prepared to maintain these classes wholly at their own expense and would also permit classes being conducted on a grant-in-aid basis. Classes of both types are desirable. Government starting their own classes wherever private institutions are unable to conduct any themselves. We cordially endorse the appeal of the Adult Education Committee to the public to co-operate with it by offering service or funds. We trust there will be good response to the appeal.

The Viceroy Must Realise

By D. F. Karaka

The Viceroy must have read by now the opinions of those whom he received in audience at Simla and Delhi. The majority of them have denounced his statement as unsatisfactory. It is the almost unanimous verdict of all parties, however moderate, and of the Congress which the Viceroy tried to win over to his side, that India could not possibly take lying down so obvious an attempt on the part of Britain to play for time, and to postpone once again the legitimate advent of democracy and self-government in this country. The main criticism that has been made on it is that with the usual flourish of words he has given us nothing. Even the Muslim League is forced to admit that there is room for clarification.

For many years this country has made its national demand for self-government. Time and again Britain has accepted the idea in principle. Nearly a quarter of a century ago Mr. Montagu came out with the ominous pronouncement of the gradual development of self-governing institutions. And the only part of that pledge to which Britain has most scrupulously adhered, it is the word "gradual." The British Government has at least been consistent on that one point. Since then there has been much agitation, much sacrifice, and much struggle. Only when the position has become intolerable and a real crisis been reached, has Britain been urged to give something away, hoping that thereby it could stall the advent of self-government to another period of time. There have been civil disobedience movements following each other at short intervals. What is India's worth anything to be overlooked, is that each Indian national movement has been greater than the other. The struggle for Indian freedom has gathered momentum as it goes along. The goals have not yet been broken the soul of the Indian people and as the Viceroy himself realises, the Congressmen whom he had to call in conference were, all of them, ex-convicts of His Majesty's Prisons. So that this country is to-day different from what it was at the time of the last Great War. Its outlook is totally changed and what might have appeased it

twenty five years ago, cannot now be tried again.

There are also circumstances about the present situation which make it necessary for the Viceroy and the British Government to revise their judgment and to alter their attitude towards India. During the last war there was not in India that awakening of consciousness or that realisation of what India's help meant to Britain. Germany was comparatively a far away place and we were content to believe that the war was being fought for democracy and freedom and for the liberation of humanity as a whole. The war was fought and it was over. In the trenches many of our countrymen died. Britain was not slow in paying tribute to them. But when Britain's hour of triumph came, sacrifices of this country were soon forgotten. Britain forgot its pledges. The words in the various pronouncements of its spokesmen which were clear and crystal-like began to have a double meaning. And while we saw the triumph of democracy in Europe, we knew our day was not yet to come.

As I read through the Viceroy's statement of the other day, I realised how bitterly disappointed we would again be, if we believed that out of it we would get any nearer to our goal. It is not as if we are not concerned about the war in Europe. We are. We are too human to remain neutral in a war in which the ruthlessness of Nazism is attempted to be crushed. We realise too well the menace of the Nazi terror. But even so, we have to maintain some sense of self-respect especially when Britain has so obviously "spurned the hand of friendship." And if the help of India is worth anything to Britain, it is only the help of a free India that it can get. The attitude of the Congress on that point was quite clear and their recent decision to resign from office proves that the Congress means what it says.

It must not be thought that this is cheap bait. Where great issues are involved, this country has shown that it is not the bawling kind. We have a tradition which we will always maintain. It is not we who impose terms on Britain in the hour of its need. It is rather that we resent the way

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WITHOUT COMMENT

ISTANBUL, Oct. 23.
 Turkey will be granted credits of \$60,000,000 under the financial agreement with Britain which, it is hoped, will be concluded shortly, according to an Ankara despatch. It is understood that the agreement is one of the chief items of the financial and economic discussions, which were held during the political talks preceding the Anglo-Franco-Turkish Pact.

"The essence of democracy," urges Mr. V. D. Savarkar, "is the acceptance of the will of the majority by the people at large." Is that why Mr. Savarkar always refuses to accept and recognise the Congress?

According to the United Press a report was current in Delhi that Mr. Jinnah was to be persuaded to call a Minorities Convention. Those who gave currency to it insulted the Qaid-e-Azam by displaying a poor opinion of his wisdom and supreme statesmanship.

Qaid-e-Azam Zindabad. Amen! He did spring the surprise which we already knew he would. We thank him for justifying our prophetic instincts. And we heartily congratulate the members of his Executive for vindicating themselves fully. As usual, they promptly rose (the Junior Colleague suggests lay flat) to the occasion.

The Muslim League "notes with satisfaction," among other things, "that the rights and interests of the minorities and other important interests" concerned have been duly recognised" by "His Majesty's Government." The italics are ours. The gratitude and approval will, of course, be due to the Muslim League by Europeans, Zemindars, Capitalists, etc.

WARDHA CALL TO NATION—Press Poster. And, of course, Muslim League call to Lord Linlithgow.

Herr von Papen has been ordered by Herr Hitler to return immediately to Ankara. Messrs. Saydam and Sarajoglu had better think about immediate preparedness.

Herr Hitler is reported to have summoned Nazi district leaders of Germany for "war decisions of the utmost importance." He doubtless wants them to launch a strong offensive on their own fronts simultaneously with his grim assault on the Maginot Line.

Hitler is also reported to have had conferences with German Ambassadors in Turkey, Russia and Italy. Our profound sympathies go entirely to the latter.

Student: "Professor, would it be an insult if I said 'ass' to you?" Professor: "Of course." Student: "And if I said 'professor' to an ass, would it be an insult?" Professor: "No." Student: "Thank you very much, professor!"

Britain expects great sacrifices from us, as if it was the natural thing to expect. The resources of this country have already been put at the disposal of Britain in the war. But it is one thing to be able to commandeer the material resources of a country, quite another to be able to commandeer its soul and its thought and its good wishes. That is something that can only be freely given. The time has now come for Britain to decide whether it wants that friendly co-operation.

It is difficult to foretell what other steps than the resignations of the Ministers the Congress will take. Somehow I feel that under the guidance of the Mahatma, the Congress might not fight out the issue now, when Britain's hour of trial is at hand. But conditions might change and as the statement of the Working Committee says: "The Committee will watch the situation and the activities of the British Government in India and will not hesitate to guide the country to take further steps whenever the necessity for them arises." That is how we stand at the moment. The British Prime Minister said to the Germans: "It is for you to choose." And that is precisely what the Congress and India say to the Viceroy.

Stalin Turns Down Hitler's Request

NO MILITARY AID TO GERMANY

Russia Would Keep Aloof From War: Right To Trade With Britain & U. S. Reserved

LONDON, October 23. M. Stalin refuses Hitler's request for military aid according to reports in "Le Petit Parisien," "L'Oeuvre" and other newspapers.

"L'Epoque" states that Herr Hitler has received a letter from M. Stalin in reply to his. "If one can believe information filtering through by way of certain neutral chancelleries in Berlin, if one can accept certain sources of information reputed to be safe this letter has brought Hitler bitter disappointment."

No Military Aid

"L'EPOQUE" CONTINUES: "STALIN IS BELIEVED STUBBORNLY TO HAVE REFUSED MILITARY AID REQUESTED, CONSISTING OF A FLEET OF 2,000 WARPLANES."

Aloof From War

IT IS ALSO SAID THAT HE INSISTED THAT HE WOULD REMAIN COMPLETELY ALLOOF FROM THE WAR AND MORE OVER TO HAVE RESERVED THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE TO TRADE WITH BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES, TO WHOM HE IS DELIVERING, IN PARTICULAR, MAN GANES, WHICH GERMANY NEEDS.—Reuter.

British Airmen Sink Two Submarines

(Continued from page 1)

of the resolution by the Assembly. The air-gunner said that definitely he noticed a second underwater explosion after the explosion of the bomb.

The aircraft then turned about and flew over the submarine a second time and dropped a second salvo. Patches of oil were observed after the first salvo and more extensively after the second attack. Nothing more was seen of the U-boat.

IN ATLANTIC The pilot of the Atlantic patrol aircraft, says: "Enemy submarine was sighted some distance away and we dived and several heavy bombs were dropped. At first we thought it had been a direct hit. Dark patches appeared on the water after the attack and air bubbles rose to the surface. A second bombing attack was made as near the same position as possible. We circled over the area for some time, but nothing further was observed."—Reuter.

AIR FORCE SQUADRON SAVED CONVOY

From German Mines In North Sea

LONDON, Oct. 23. An Auxiliary British Air Force Squadron saved a convoy of merchantships in the North Sea from possible disaster from enemy mines. This is revealed to-day by an official account.

Drifting German mines were observed in two places at an interval of an hour, each time close to and directly in the path of the leading ships. Smoke flares were dropped and warnings flashed by lamp in time for the ships on the first occasion to follow a new course and on the second occasion for the escorting destroyer to get rid of the mine with machinegun fire. The detection of the mines was proof of careful and skilful observation.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIR ATTACK ON CONVOYS FAILS

LONDON, Oct. 23. Naval critics are agreed that the results of the first German air attack on convoy are distinctly encouraging, though it is stressed that the attack was only delivered in small force. The speedy arrival of the British fighters to co-operate with warships is especially satisfactory.

Surprise is expressed at the German failure to register hits, though a convoy offers specially favourable target to low-dive bombing, owing to slowness of the ships. Critics emphasise that in all the five encounters of ships and aeroplanes hitherto only one bomb hit a ship and that one failed to explode.—Reuter.

NAZIS TO ATTEMPT BLOCKADE OF BRITAIN

LONDON, Oct. 23. The Conference between Herr

Hitler and district leaders mentioned yesterday is the theme of widespread speculation in neutral capitals. Great secrecy apparently is being observed in Berlin regarding the nature of the discussions but reports from the German capital reaching Copenhagen suggest that the conference implies, at the least, that the Fuhrer has now given up all hope of peace.

Air Raid Warning And "All Clear"

LONDON, Oct. 23. It is officially announced that an air-raid warning was given in the Firth of Forth this afternoon on the approach of an unidentified aircraft.

The "All-Clear" was sounded half an hour later, when it was known that there was no enemy aircraft in the area. An air-raid warning was sounded at Firth of Forth area this morning, according to an Air Ministry announcement. "All Clear" signals were given a quarter of an hour later.—Reuter.

HOW FRENCH TANKER WAS SUNK

BOSTON, October 23. A screaming shell from U-boat was the first warning of danger according to the story of the captain of a French tanker, "Emile Miguet," sunk in the Atlantic ten days ago, told when he reached here. Dusk had fallen when the first shell was fired followed by others. One struck the crew's quarters cutting an apprentice almost in half. The captain hailed the submarine and received permission to disembark the remainder of the crew. The shelling had left one lifeboat seaworthy. We were packed like sardines in it for 31 hours, before the United States steamer "Black Hawk" rescued us. The submarine torpedoed and sank "Emile Miguet" after 29 survivors had disembarked.—Reuter.

LESSON FOR GERMAN RAIDERS

LONDON, Oct. 23. Germany has definitely lost "the first round" of attempts to wage intensive air warfare on British Fleet and merchant shipping and on balance, the attacks in the Firth of Forth show complete triumph for defence, according to Reuter's naval correspondent.

LESSON FOR GERMANY. Heavy losses inflicted on the Enemy during these raids prove that it would be extremely difficult for attackers to break through the defences of British battleships. All attempts to do so would mean more and more heavy

OIL TRAINS' TRAGEDY

Forty Killed In Mexican Derailment

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 23. Forty persons were killed when two oil trains were derailed near Veracruz. Twenty-nine railway workers, six women and five children died in the blazing goods trucks in which they were travelling. The disaster is believed to have been caused by the rain weakening the tracks.—Reuter.

CONGRESS CHARGED WITH BLACKMAILING

"Birmingham Post" Fears Upheaval In India If Further Advance Is Offered

LONDON, October 23. What does this opposition to Lord Linlithgow's policy really amount to in abstract theory or in political practice? Ask the "Birmingham Post" in a leader. On the theoretical side, clearly the Congress regards the Commonwealth's extremity, which may also be India's extremity, as the Congress opportunity.

"BLACKMAIL"

Not to put too fine points on it, the Congress seems to be trying something like a blackmail. Because the Congress is the majority party in India, India's majority party in the war is to be secured by wholesale concessions to the Congress—regardless of the protests of Muslims and Depressed Classes and regardless of grave doubts of the Princes. When Lord Linlithgow reminds India as a whole that a pause in her progress is due largely to her own internal rivalries, the Congress retorts in effect that England is using those internal rivalries as a mere excuse to bolster up her "Imperialism." That is playing politics, while the Commonwealth and India are both in danger.

FLING AT LABOUR

And Mr. Attlee and Mr. Greenwood, we are afraid, are tarred with the same brush. What would Mr. Attlee and Mr. Greenwood do—beyond what the Ministers are doing already—if they came into office and had to implement practically their loudly expressed desire to enable India "to participate in decisions" which a war entails? The fact is nothing more can be done safely than the Ministers are doing.

To offer more to the Congress would be to risk an upheaval in India.—Reuter.

Amount Of Loan To Turkey

LONDON, Oct. 23. The Foreign Office announces that the figure mentioned regarding the loan to Turkey is incorrect.

Conversations have taken place regarding financial and economic assistance to Turkey and arrangements are being made in the spirit of the new treaty.—Reuter.

PAPEN ORDERED TO RETURN

LONDON, Oct. 23. Herr von Papen has been ordered to return to Ankara immediately.—Reuter.

Turko-Iraq Greetings

BAGHDAD, Oct. 23. The Prime Ministers of Turkey and Iraq exchanged congratulatory telegrams on the signing of the Anglo-Franco-Turkish Pact.—Reuter.

National Candidate For Panama Presidency

PARIS, Oct. 23. M. Arnulfo Arias, Minister in Paris, has been adopted National candidate in the forthcoming Panama Presidential election.—Reuter.

"Thetis" Brought To Surface

LONDON, October 23. From Our Special Correspondent. The "Thetis," which sank more than twenty weeks ago was brought to the surface this afternoon and rode on an even keel.—Reuter.

MAHASABHA EXECUTIVE TO MEET SHORTLY.

A special meeting of the Working Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha is to be called shortly to consider the developments in the political situation that have taken place during the last week.—Reuter.

Prisoners' Plot To Blow Up Jail

I. R. A. Connections Suspected

DUBLIN, OCT. 23. A DARING ATTEMPT BY PRISONERS SUSPECTED OF ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY TO BLOW THEIR WAY OUT OF MOUNTJOY PRISON, IT IS BELIEVED, LIES BEHIND A VIOLENT EXPLOSION HEARD THROUGHOUT DUBLIN YESTERDAY. THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AT EXERCISE TIME BUT NO PRISONERS ESCAPED. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY GELIGNITE WHICH HAD BEEN SMUGGLED TO PRISONERS AND STORED BY THEM.—Reuter.

SOVIET MILITARY MISSION IN LITHUANIA

KAUNAS, Oct. 23. A Soviet military mission has arrived to discuss questions arising from the Soviet-Lithuanian Mutual Assistance Pact. M. Molotov has informed the Lithuanian Minister in Moscow that Lithuanian troops may "gradually" enter Vilna territory.—Reuter.

SOVIET-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, October 23. A Japanese Foreign Office spokesman denied to-day that negotiations had broken down between Russia and Japan on the Mongolian frontier dispute. He added that all matters relating to the truce had been settled in a friendly manner and some matters had been left over to be settled between Japan, Manchukuo and Russia.—Reuter.

HUGE BRITISH LOAN TO TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Oct. 23. A credit of £50,000,000 will be granted to Turkey under the financial agreement with Britain which it is hoped will be concluded shortly, according to an Ankara dispatch. It is understood that the agreement is one of the chief items of the financial and economic discussions which were held during the political talks preceding the Anglo-Franco-Turkish Pact.

It is added that Britain will absorb a very large share of Turkey's exportable products.—Reuter.

Washington Ignores Dr. Goebbels

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. Dr. Goebbels' allegations have struck officialdom here as ludicrous. No official notice is being taken of the speech.—Reuter.

INDO-JAPANESE TRADE TALKS

NEW DELHI, Oct. 23. The "United Press" learns that the Government of India have informed the Japanese Trade Delegate that in case the Indo-Japanese Trade negotiations are not completed by March 31, 1940, the Cotton Protocol which expires by that date would not be renewed. If, however, the Indo-Japanese Trade Talks fructify the new Trade Agreement would come into force after the existing protocol expires.

American Author Dead

ALTADENA (California), Oct. 23. The death has occurred of Zane Grey, well-known American author.—Reuter.

ALWAR, October 22.

That his State with some other sister States had decided to join the All-India Federation was the interesting disclosure made at the Annual Durbar by His Highness the Maharaja of Alwar who expressed his disappointment at the suspension of the scheme.—United Press.

THREE KILLED IN SHANGHAI

Battle Between Municipal Police And Chinese Defence Gunmen

SHANGHAI, Oct. 23. Shanghai gunmen were busy yesterday. Three men were killed in a battle between the Municipal police and gunmen of the Chinese Defence Corps.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL AND GOEBBELS ON RADIO

BERLIN, Oct. 22. The feature of Sunday evening radio programme throughout the country was a statement of Dr. Goebbels' insigmantly cross-examining Mr. Churchill and demanding a "personal and precise reply." Questions dealt with the now well-known German allegation that Mr. Churchill was responsible for the sinking of the "Athenia" with three British destroyers.

"The 'Athenia' case is not yet finished; it is only beginning and it is better if you speak now," declared Dr. Goebbels in the military tones of a counsel to a hostile witness. "Why have you brought questionable witnesses, who have stated the opposite to what is now stated by witness Anderson, demanded the Propaganda Minister. 'With matters of minor importance you annoy the world with your talkativeness. Now come to the microphone or go to the House of Commons but for heaven's sake talk, talk, talk, talk.'"

After accusing Mr. Churchill of getting lyrical over activities of British troops in France "where they have not been seen by French Poilus" and exaggerating German losses on the Western Front so that the French Government "has found it necessary to correct you," and of inventing the story of "the Edinburgh dog" (according to the German wireless the first official British report on air-raids declared that only a dog was killed), Dr. Goebbels exhorted Mr. Churchill to get on with his own business.—Reuter.

U. S. A. Comment On Goebbels' Speech

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. Commenting on Dr. Goebbels' speech the "Herald Tribune" says that one would hardly have imagined that even a Propaganda Minister would have been so grotesque as again to drag out the amazing Nazi theory about Mr. Churchill having sunk the "Athenia." "In the United States the repetition of the yarn is chiefly interesting as rather a grimly amusing revelation of Nazidom."—Reuter.

Roosevelt At Prayers For England's Victory

HYDE PARK (New York), Oct. 23. President Roosevelt, his wife and mother heard a prayer asking God to strengthen the British Sovereign "that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies" when they attended the Episcopal Church of St. James for service, at which a bible presented by the King and Queen to commemorate their visit was dedicated.

RECEPTION TO CONGRESS DECISION IN ALLAHABAD

(From Our Correspondent) ALLAHABAD, Oct. 23. The Congress Working Committee's decision has met with a chorus approval in Congress circles. Non-Congress circles are critical. It is regarded certain that Congress is not going to leave the legislatures without a constitutional fight. The fact that Speakers and Presidents of legislatures are not instructed to resign is considered as a significant pointer showing that the Assemblies will wage an unrelenting fight wherein Congress Speakers and Presidents are expected to play an important role.

Some circles are still hoping that the British Government will try to come nearer the Congress demand within about a week's time, before resignations are finally tendered. This period is regarded as a sort of notice to Government.

Britain Fares Better Despite Intense U-Boat Activity

GERMANY LOSES SIXTEEN BOMBERS DURING LAST WEEK: AIRCRAFT v. WARSHIPS

LONDON, Oct. 23. It is learned in well-informed naval quarters the enquiry into the sinking of the "Royal Oak" is proceeding but no further details have yet been divulged. It is repeated that the German statements to the effect that another ship was torpedoed on the same occasion are without a vestige of foundation.

AIRCRAFT AND WARSHIPS. Intensive air operations by German bombers on Rosyth and other parts of the coast from October 18 onwards are regarded as of considerable importance as it is the first time modern aircraft have been pitted against modern warships. During the attack on October 18 the "Southampton" was hit on the bridge by a bomb which, however, glanced off and fell into the sea without doing any structural damage to the warship, which was ready to go to sea again immediately. DETAILS SHOW THAT GERMANS last week lost sixteen bombers in their attacks and probably more, while on the British side, thirty casualties were sustained and no ship was lost, although some damage was done to the

"Trying To Draw U. S. Into War On Allies' Side"

Senator Borah's Attack On Lord Lothian, British Ambassador

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. An attack on Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador in the United States, was delivered by the isolationist Senator Borah in a radio address in which he alleged that "powerful British influences" were trying to draw the United States into war on the side of the Allies.

Senator Borah said that the repeal of the arms embargo was the first step towards this. If reports were true, he added, Lord Lothian "had been most active in advancing reason" why the embargo should be repealed.

Declaring that Lord Lothian conferred almost daily with members of the Administration, Senator Borah declared, "With some degree of pride he must look down from the Senate gallery—if he designs to visit that place—and note the progress towards the Repeal Law, he so early and boldly denounced."—Reuter.

Cancelled

Owing to the European Situation it has been found necessary to cancel FRY'S FOUR FOODS COUPON SCHEME. Coupons will no longer be issued but all sheets submitted before 31st December will be redeemed in cash to the extent of which they have been completed.

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

Now that Mr. Jinnah has been made dictator of the Muslim League, I am anxiously waiting to see the spectacle of Sir Currim-bhay Ebrahim saying: "Heil Mien Fuehrer."

Some persons seem to imagine that, when the Congress Ministries go out of office, the drinking days will be here again.

Now that C. K. Nayudu will lead the Hindu side at cricket, Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan will be taking his hat, coat and waistcoat off to him in his radio broadcasts.

The Oxford Dictionary is not quite sure whether the correct pronunciation is Cooper or Cowper. Will Sir Dhunjisha kindly oblige?

The B.B.C. is now thinking of broadcasting in Hindustani. It is, I expect, part of the idea of Indianising the services.

Mr. Russa Mehta has again been "putting pen to paper." Sometimes I wish he would use invisible ink.

There is no truth in the rumour that Lord Zetland is resigning. But there is a lot of truth in the rumour that India would like him to.

NO SURPRISE FOR OFFICIAL CIRCLES

Suggestion Of Ganahi-Jinnah Meeting

(From Our Correspondent.)
NEW DELHI, Oct. 23. Official circles, though the Congress decision evidently has not come as a surprise to them, appear still hopeful that some way may ultimately be found to end the 'impasse'.

No information is being vouchsafed as to whether the Viceroy proposes to meet leaders again, or issue another statement. Some light will however be thrown on the subject when it comes up for debate in the Commons this week.

An interesting suggestion has been made yesterday in the columns of the "Statesman" which asks Britons not to cling to the vanishing past and says "Gandhiji has put his cards on the table face upwards in all-together a new sense. It is now for Mr. Jinnah and Mahatma Gandhi to meet. Both of them have seen the Viceroy but they have not seen each other. Nor has His Excellency had the benefit of seeing them together. That would be a most fruitful meeting of all."

The possibility of the meeting is now being actively discussed in political circles. It is understood Mr. Jinnah has been for some time in correspondence with Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru following their recent talk in New Delhi.

Orissa Premier To See Governor

CUTTACK, Oct. 23. The Congressmen here welcomed the resolution of the Congress Working Committee asking the Congress Ministers to resign. All sections of Congressmen are preparing for any eventuality in this connection.

All the Ministers are absent from the headquarters. Mr. N. N. Kanungo, Revenue Minister, left for Puri yesterday. It is understood, on receiving a communication from the Governor of Orissa, The Premier, Mr. B. N. Das, who is now at his village home, is reported to have been wired by Mr. Kanungo to proceed to Cuttack immediately in view of the new developments.—United Press.

The Baroda City Municipality has appointed a Committee to examine the question of cycle-tax.



Uday Shankar, the noted dancer, arrives with his party at Lahore Railway Station. He proposes to tour India giving performances in all important towns.

Prospects Of Muslim League Ministries In Provinces

Mr. Jinnah Consulting Minorities And Non-Congress Leaders

(From Our Correspondent.)
NEW DELHI, Oct. 23. "Neither fish nor fowl nor good red herring" is the comment in political circles on the Muslim League's resolution.

It is regarded as a triumph for Sir Sikandar, whose skillfulness is apparent in the very wording of the resolution—vague generally and silent on crucial issues. Its vagueness is explained by fact that it is an attempt to placate all sections and at same time satisfy Mr. Jinnah by making him virtual dictator. It is expected that very soon in response to the resolution the Viceroy will call Mr. Jinnah for an interview.

There is little need for clarifications as two out of three points raised by the Muslim League are now out of date.

Firstly, as Congress Governments are going out of office, the League is not likely to press its charges any more. Secondly, as the Viceroy's declaration has already been made its original demand that no declaration should be made without the League's consent, approval has no longer any point. The only remaining question to be discussed is the League's demand that no new constitution should be framed without the League's consent or approval. No doubt is expressed that Mr. Jinnah and the Viceroy will be able to come to an understanding. There is great jubilation in Muslim League circles at the Congress decision to go out of office.

It is reported yesterday's discussions in the League Working Committee were actuated more by strong anti-Congress bias than desire to judge issues dispassionately and put forward definite demands on behalf of the minorities. A good deal of discussion centred on the constitutional question as to what the League parties in provincial legislatures should do, if Congress Ministries resigned.

Possibilities of forming League-Coalition Ministries with the help of non-Congress groups in the provinces like Assam, N.W. F. P., United Provinces, Bombay, etc. were fully discussed. There is, however, considerable difference of opinion on the subject as to whether the League members should accept adviserships in Provinces if the constitution is suspended.

Mr. Jinnah is in active consultation with the leaders of minorities and others for forming a

non-Congress front in all Provinces and may even think of calling a non-Congress convention for bringing all minorities together.

"INDIA IS ONE & INDIVISIBLE"

"Grand Old Man" Of Congress Speaks Out

(From Our Correspondent.)
MADRAS, Oct. 23.

Let us remember the whole of India is peopled by one race and only one race, Aryans. There is no doubt a sprinkling of Arabs and Mongols, but they have become merged with Hindus long ago. Castes and sub-castes, including scheduled classes as well as Muslims, Christians, Sikhs etc., are all Aryans. When shall we recognise this? observed Sir C. Vijayaraghavachariar the "grand old man" of the Congress and ex-President in an interview.

If we do not recognise this, we shall never be an independent nation and England will be able to keep us under continued subjection by the principle of divide and rule under the dignified phrase of protecting the rights of minorities. Alluding to the Viceroy's statement Sir C. Achariar observed that India inclusive of the states is in fact, independent and not a conquered country, though this independence has been gradually taken away and the whole country placed under the imperialism of England.

Apart from the previous proclamations, promises and pledges India is entitled to regain what she has lost namely, her ancient independence.

Referring to the divergent views expressed in this country Sir C. Achariar asks, are such things here as we do see and hear about, or have we eaten the insane root that has taken our reason, prisoner?

Concluding Sir C. Achariar wants the people to understand that India is one and indivisible.

TRAGIC END OF COUPLE

Erachsha Dhunjibhoj Kalapesi (40) and his wife, Rushi were found dead at their residence at Jame-Jamshed Road on Monday afternoon.

Due to a family quarrel between

Working Committee Resolution Welcomed In N. W. F. P.

PESHAWAR, Oct. 23. The Congress Working Committee's resolution asking the Congress Ministries to resign is most welcomed here. Congressmen and the general public hail it as the only honourable course.

The Hon. Dr. Khan Sahib, the Premier, is requisitioning a special session of the Assembly, with the permission of the Governor, towards the end of October or the beginning of November to pass the war resolution.—United Press.

RAWALPINDI, Oct. 22. A lawyer of Campbellpore has been served with a notice by the District and Sessions Judge, Attock to show cause why he should not be proceeded against in a court of law for the alleged offence of misappropriating a client's money.—United Press.

ed, has called on the Governor twice during the last three days.

It seems there is a planned scheme under instructions from Delhi. It is said Britain having spurned Congress support, would attempt at showing to the world that it has still got the support of some elected members of the Legislatures.

It is reported the Governor is trying to line up all anti-Congress and anti-independence wallahs in one common united front against the Congress in the Legislature.

RESIGNATION AHEAD
It is understood the Bihar Cabinet will resign on the 29th night, when the Prime Minister, who is away at Mussoorie, reaches Patna.

All Parliamentary Secretaries will also resign simultaneously.

It is further understood Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Congress President, had to-day telephonic talks with the Finance Minister, who is lying ill and it is reported the Congress President has asked the Bihar Ministry to resign without the least delay.

HOW CONGRESSMEN VIEW IT

"Congress goes out of office to-day in slave India, but it is bound soon to return back to power in a free India. Britain will have to repent in muddling through. It lost the new world and again it is going to lose the young world. For its dealings with Wardha it will have to repent."

This sums up the Bihar Congress circles' reaction to the Working Committee's order for resignation of the Congress Ministries.

Official circles are shocked by the news, while political circles opine, it was inevitable and the only honourable course left.

Radical circles are jubilant, but insist that Congress must give marching order at once.

OPPOSITION PLAN IN BIHAR

Preparations For Getting Into Power When Congress Resigns

(From Our Correspondent.)
PATNA, Oct. 23.

With the announcement of the Congress decision for resignation of the eight Provincial (Congress) Cabinets, it is reported Sir Ganesh Dutt Singh, ex-Minister, Bihar, under the old constitution, is planning in alliance with Mr. Muhammad Yunus, ex-Interim Premier and Leader of the Independent Muslim Party in the Bihar Assembly, Mr. Chandrasekhar Prasad Narayan Sinha, Leader of the Opposition in Bihar Assembly and one Muslim Leaguer to form the Governor's War Advisory Council.

Sir Ganesh is not a member of either the Assembly or the Council. Mr. Chandreshwar (Coalition Party) has got 30 members and Mr. Yunus has got about 18 and the Leaguers number only eight.

The planning for forming the Advisory Council, it is reported, started the moment Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Congress President, issued a statement from Patna, condemning the Viceroy's declaration. Sir Ganesh, it is further reported,

In The Corporation Hall

(From Our Special Correspondent)

The demanding of a poll on two amendments on the same issue is a bit thick on any deliberative body. That such a request should be made with the sole purpose of causing annoyance does little credit to those who demanded it. The members in question were Professor Davar, Dr. Sorab Mehta, Mr. Dervesh, and Mr. Devrukhkar. It must be pointed out to these members that they are using the rights they possess as members to turn the debates of the Corporation into a farce. I think the constituencies that elect them might impress upon these members that their election to the Corporation is intended for a better purpose and if members are not

able to gauge, the importance of time to the Corporation, they should not put themselves up for election at all. They are wasting public time and when you realise that the business of the Corporation is behind time by nearly two months, these tactics of members are most lamentable.

The matter before the house which formed the most important part of the day's agenda was the motion to make khaddar the uniform of the Municipal employees. It is one of the major changes effected in the Corporation and will be applauded by all persons as a move in the national interest.

It was gratifying to see Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee back in the House. And at 5-5 p. m. to the minute Sir H. P. Mody walked in and stayed till the end, which was 5-15 p. m.

This is already Sir H. P.'s second visit to the Corporation since this column began. I think he is overdoing it a bit.

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MUTT AND JEFF—Looking At It from All Angles, Jeff's Idea Wasn't so far age at That

By BUD FISHER



Khadi Uniforms For Municipal Employees

Congress Party Resolution Carried In Corporation

BOMBAY, Monday—For two hours the city fathers discussed on the virtues of khadi and recommended to the Municipal Commissioner to supply as far as possible uniforms made of khaddar to the Municipal employees.

Mr. Ganpatishanker N. Desai moved: That the Commissioner be informed that in the opinion of the Corporation it is desirable that the uniforms which are supplied to employees in the Municipal Service are made of Khaddar cloth only.

Mr. Desai said that khaddar was more durable and economic and since the municipal employees got their uniforms once in two years, they should give a trial to khaddar also.

Mr. I. S. Patel seconded the proposition.

Mr. Suleman Darvesh suggested khaki instead of khaddar.

Mr. M. U. Rajjab spoke on the impracticability of using khaddar as it was not genuine until it had the stamp of All-India Spinners Association.

Dr. S. P. Mehta pointed out several frauds in the name of khaddar. Many firms imported khaddar from Japan and sold it as "made in India."

resolution was to encourage Indian mill cloth, it would have got unanimous support. He did not think khaddar was economically cheaper than Indian mill cloth.

The Municipal Commissioner pointed out several difficulties in the way of using khaddar by the municipal employees. There were some employees whose work would make the khaddar dirty very soon. He thought it would be better to leave the matter to the discretion of the Municipal Commissioner.

Mr. Mathradas Tricunji moved an amendment to add "as far as possible" to the end of the resolution.

Mr. M. V. Donde moved another amendment to enquire from the Municipal Commissioner whether it would be more economic to use khaddar.

Mr. D. V. Pradhan moved the third amendment to request the Municipal Commissioner to report on Mr. Donde's amendment in consultation with the Labour Unions.

Mrs. Lilavati Munshi urged khaddar would provide bread for many a poor in the city and the suburbs.

At this stage closure was moved and the amendments of Mr. Donde and Mr. Pradhan were thrown out and the amendment of Mr. Mathradas Tricunji was passed by a large majority.

The House then debated for five minutes on the question of spread of malaria in the city and again adjourned till Thursday.

FOUR CHEAP GRAIN SHOPS IN CITY

The Hon. Secretary of the Mayor's Profit-sharing Relief Committee sends the following:—

At a public meeting of representative citizens of Bombay convened by His Worship the Mayor on the 27th September 1939, to take steps for affording relief and assistance to the poor and middle classes in the City against the profiteering prevailing in the City due to the War, a General Committee, called the Mayor's Profit-sharing Relief Committee, with the Mayor of Bombay as its ex-officio Chairman, was appointed to take steps for affording relief and assistance to the poor and middle classes in the City against the profiteering prevailing in the City due to the War, and particularly the undue rise in the prices of articles of food etc., by opening grain, etc., shops in suitable localities in the City.

As the prospect of starting cheap grain shops has tended to lower the prices to a certain extent, the Committee proposes to open for the present four shops, viz. at (1) Colaba, (2) Girgaum, (3) Naigaum and (4) Matunga.

The effects of opening these shops will be watched for some time and if the prices prevailing show a tendency to rise, the Committee proposes to open more shops in different localities.

"VERY NEBULOUS PLAN"

(Continued from page 10) sued on its behalf on September, 1939, on the situation arising out of the present war.

The Executive Council of the Party has taken into consideration the declaration made by H. E. the Viceroy on the 27th October.

In the opinion of the Council a better and a more satisfactory response with regard to the aspirations and demands of the people of India would have come from His Majesty's Government if the Congress had tried to bring about a unity between the different communities and sections in this country.

In view of the assurance given by H. E. the Viceroy that immediately after the close of the war His Majesty's Government will enter into consultations with representatives of communities, parties and interests, in framing modification in the constitution of India and in view of the fact that His Majesty's Government have declared their adherence to Dominion Status as the goal of India and further in view of the fact that the development of the war may take such a turn that the question of defending India may become more important than the question of helping Great Britain the Executive Council feels that the present is not the proper occasion for withholding its co-operation from Great Britain.

In the opinion of the Council, however, the proposal regarding the formation of a Consultative Committee is unsatisfactory. Apart from the question that the proposed Committee will have no powers of any sort either to take

WATER SUPPLY IN JUNAGADH

Arms And Press Acts Amended

(From Our Correspondent). JUNAGADH, Oct. 21. The Nawab has given assent to the Printing Press and Newspapers Amendment Act.

The Act will extend to the whole to the Arms (Amendment) Act come into force from October 16. The Nawab has also given assent to the Arms (Amendment) Act and will be extended to the whole of the Junagadh State and has come into force on October 16.

New Water-Supply Arrangement. The State Water Works Department has arranged from Oct. 21 to substitute the prevailing system of supplying water by lorries to poor man free of charge by the new arrangement of supplying it every alternate day from the water reservoirs that are situated in various localities of the city.

Pipes are connected with these reservoirs which will contain sufficient storage of water.

SOLICITUDE FOR TENANTS' WELFARE

Hathwar Raj Dassera Announcement

HATHWA, Oct. 23. On the occasion of the Dussehra festival in Hathwa Raj, the usual Darbar was held this time at Gopalmindir wherein important announcements were made by Mr. Kemp, I.C.S., District Magistrate and Collector of Saran, in his capacity as the President of the newly formed Board.

In the course of his announcement Mr. Kemp said that it would be the endeavour of the Raj to undertake all-round improvements of the conditions of the Raj tenants giving special stress on minor irrigations, health and sanitation and impart proper education to Kumars.

Addresses were presented at the meeting to the Maharaja who replying jointly to them laid special stress on his resolve to educate Kumars in the manner befitting them to take Raj reins in due course and his desire to be particular in tenants' happiness and prosperity.—United Press.

HOLKAR STATE BAN ON VAIDYA

MHOW, Oct. 23. A second prohibitory order has been served yesterday on Mr. Kanhayyalal Vaidya, Secretary of the Central India States' Peoples' Conference and a member of the Standing Committee of the All-India States' Peoples' Conference under the States Protection Act, by the Mhow Railway Police authorities in the Almer Khandwa train by which he was travelling.

The order prohibits him from alighting from any railway train at any railway station in the Holkar State territory on B. B. & C. I. Railway system (metre gauge), south outer signal Indore Station and northern end of the Nerbada River.—United Press.

Rajgarh Praja Mandal Secretary Jailed

MHOW, Oct. 23. Information received at the States' Peoples' Office from Rajgarh State (Central India) says that the Magistrate of Rajgarh has convicted the Rajgarh Praja Mandal General Secretary who is also a member of the Working Committee of the Central India States' Peoples' Conference, to undergo one and half years' rigorous imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs. 100, in default to undergo three months' rigorous imprisonment more under Section 305 I. P. C.—United Press.

A STONE CHANNEL IN INDUS

KARACHI, Oct. 22. A project for constructing a stone channel in the mid-stream in the River Indus at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,00,000 has been sanctioned by the Government of Sind. The works will be carried out at the mouth of the Sukkur Barrage canals and above its gates with a view to preventing the accumulations of silt in the North-Western Canal.—United Press.

decisions or to give directions

The Committee will be composed of a fluctuating body of people. The Council is of opinion that the panel system is the most objectionable feature of the proposal. Before however any final or considered view of the Party is expressed on the said proposal it is necessary to have a detailed scheme with particular reference to the constitution, function, powers and scope of the proposed committee.—A. P.

Our Readers' Views

First LL.B. Old Course

To The Editor of "The Chronicle": Sir,—It has been published that a petition has been forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, signed by a majority of the First LL.B. (Old Course) students, insisting on the necessity of granting two more chances to the failures at the next March examination by way of supplementary examinations. An unusually overwhelming number of students will be appearing for their First LL.B. the coming March and the would-be victims' fate has been sealed from now. Strange enough, there is no official response to the petition made as yet.

The suggestions made through your columns by Mr. Saptarshi, some days ago, are quite reasonable and it is no use repeating them here over again. Still, one obvious fact should not escape notice. What about those students who will graduate in the next month? Fair and reasonable treatment must be meted out to them. I hope the University authorities will allow the new graduates admission to the Old Course, for by granting two more chances to the present Old Course students, they will be in a position to accommodate for the newcomers without inconvenience.—Yours, etc., S. P. MODI.

Textile Industry In Ahmedabad

To The Editor of "The Chronicle": Sir,—As we all know the cotton textile industry is passing through

very critical times. Last year there was an all-round increase of about 10 per cent. in the wages of all workers. Besides, maternity benefits, workmen's compensation, electric and boiler inspection fees, income-tax, weights and measures fees, municipal taxes, customs and octroi duties, highest railway freight, etc., textile mills have now got to bear the enhanced cotton excise duty imposed by the Central Government and also the Sales Tax and the property tax of the Provincial Government. The new Indo-British trade pact has given preference to the foreign goods imported into India, in spite of the protest of the Legislature and the public.

At this stage, the Ahmedabad Municipality has girded up the loins to put additional burden on the heavy heads of the city industry in order to cripple or kill the goose, not caring for the golden eggs to be had from it. In respect of the revised capital valuation, in the case of almost all the valuation figures it shows an all round increase of 100 per cent. and in some cases even 150 per cent. on lands and buildings.

Almost all the mills had protested against the enhanced figures of valuation of the last assessment in 1935-36, so much as 100 to 150 per cent at that time. The mills did get some relief by the findings and decisions of the learned F. C. Magistrates, who were perfectly satisfied by the correct figures submitted by the mills, which had to undergo

a good extra amount for expenses to obtain the correct valuation of their buildings under the expert advice of the civil engineers, and it was definitely stated by the learned Magistrates in most of the cases that the Municipal valuation figures were high in reality.

Only 4 to 5 years elapsed, and the fresh assessment shows a similar increase viz: 100 to 150 per cent, and that a mill-paying say Rs. 2,500/-, as general water tax has to pay Rs. 5,000 to 6,000 every year, for the same property which was after careful scrutiny of the facts and figures, quite reasonably assessed by the Courts.

In the course of one of his speeches the President, Mr. M. C. Shah, said that the Municipality in no way wanted to increase the valuation except where justifiable circumstances warranted the increase. According to his statement, there is a general rise of six and a half per cent. in case of residential buildings. One fails to understand the reason of such a tremendous increase in respect of the mill valuation of land and buildings.

Does the present plight of the industry not show the way to the veteran members of the municipality? Can they re-collect that it was unwise to get the valuation work done by ordinary staff who have no idea of the technical and economical aspect of taxation. An impartial and reasonable inquiry by the members will be better able to tackle the problem. Otherwise the only alter-

native for the mills will be to go ahead either individually or through the Association, and thereby they will have to incur the expenses, really burdensome in the present state of the industry.

Even Government cannot increase the land assessment by more than 6 1/4 per cent. during a period of 30 years, for which increase, the history of the Bardoli Satyagraha is well known, and how is it that the municipality has valued the lands and buildings so as to raise the valuation by 100 to 150 per cent. in a short period of 2 to 3 years, which cannot reach such a figure. The mill buildings are in several cases as old as 20, 30 to 40 years, and some of 10 years, which have been valued as new buildings.

The proper criterion for this would be whether the municipality can purchase the property at the valuation fixed, and take up the reins of the industry and show how it is worked up.

In view of the various difficulties, the textile industry is undergoing, I hope the citizens of Ahmedabad and members of the municipality will move in the right direction and avoid unnecessary harassment and extra expenditure.—Yours etc., "INDUSTRIALIST".

Device To Economise Petrol

KARACHI, Oct. 22. An Indian, Mr. Gurbux Singh Narayan Singh, of 1932 Karachi Conspiracy case, has invented a new device by which motor car owners could save their consumption of petrol by 25 to 75 per cent. according to the machinery in the car, besides lengthening the life of the car machine.—United Press

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All Congress Ministries To Resign By End Of Oct.

INDIA ACT STANDS SELF-CONDEMNED

C. R. On Whitehall's Hesitancy To Confer Responsibility At Centre

WARDHAGANJ, October 23.—Two and half years of responsibility in the provincial field, if it did not produce a change of psychology in the British Government and courage to proceed towards responsibility at the centre, the experiment should stand self-condemned, declared Mr. Rajagopalachari, Premier of Madras, commenting on the Congress Working Committee's decision in the course of an interview to the "Associated Press."

He said "When I read the statement which the Viceroy chose to get authorised for issue last Tuesday night at Madras I was not only pained and disappointed but knew what was to happen next. The conclusion was foregone as it was arrived at yesterday in the Working Committee."

The Committee had with the approval of Mahatma Gandhi offered the fullest co-operation to the British Government, and the conditions demanded were in my considered judgment, the easiest and simplest from the point of view not of the people of India but of the Government of Great Britain. What were they?

1. That the Government of Great Britain should be willing to concede at the end of the war whatever constitution the people of India have agreed to not only as a majority agreement but with the seal and approval of all important minorities.

If the one and the only difficulty, namely disagreement should be happily removed, there could have been no difficulty for Great Britain, taking her professions at face value. As for the likelihood of such agreement being reached, those who believe in the higher power cannot but continue to hope that every misfortune is a trial and training to reach the ultimate goal which they firmly believe to be India's destiny whatever her present state.

SELF-CONDEMNED.

2. The other was a gesture, a gesture which also constitutionally speaking, was an essential requisite for carrying on the present Government of India in an efficient manner during the time of stress and strain.

If the representatives of the people are required for good Government under normal conditions, they are all the more required during a time when the resources of the country have to be organised and utilised in the best manner possible to meet a critical state of

affairs imposed from outside. As long as there was a pretence of constituting a proper Central Government it was excusable to postpone things and carry on with senior permanent service men as ministers of some sort and a legislature continually functioning as opposition and nothing else.

But when the Federation plan had definitely been suspended, it would be intolerable to maintain the permanent service control over and encroaching on the field of 11 Governments in the provinces shaped in frame of democracy.

Two and half years of responsibility in the provincial field, if it did not produce the change of psychology in the British Government and courage to proceed towards responsibility at the Centre, the experiment should stand self-condemned.

THOUGHTLESS ACTION

Both conditions laid down therefore were essential and easiest that could be conceived. Those conditions were conceived, not to take advantage of the war situation but indeed to provide for the war situation.

After 20 years of varying phases of non-co-operation, resistance and opposition, the Congress under the advice of Mahatma Gandhi and with the co-operation of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the overwhelming majority of All-India Congress Committee offered the fullest co-operation setting aside all previous prejudice and for the time being even the overriding claims of non-violence. The proffered hand of friendship, having been summarily and thoughtlessly rejected, the conclusion was foregone.

Perhaps I should say 'thoughtless' when indeed so much thought was bestowed on it; but a kind of thoughtlessness, as I call it, results from unjustified distrust and want of imagination."

—A. P.

JULLUNDUR, Oct. 22.—Warrants have been issued by the Additional District Magistrate against Seth Sudarshan, M.L.A., President of the Jullundur District Congress Committee and Chief Whip of the Congress Party in the Punjab Legislative Assembly, under Section 124-A I. P.C. for delivering an alleged seditious speech at a political conference at Mandhall on June 6 last.—United Press.

Definite Instructions

Orissa Assembly May Take Few Days More

WARDHAGANJ, Oct. 23.—The morning sitting of the Congress Working Committee was occupied with issuing detailed instructions to the Congress Ministers.

"As there may be misapprehension as to the exact date when the different Ministries should resign in view of impending important bills," said Dr. Rajendra

ORDERS TO RESIGN ALREADY ISSUED

WARDHAGANJ, Oct. 22.—The "United Press" learns that the Working Committee has already issued instructions to all Congress Ministers to tender resignation.—United Press.

Prasad to the "United Press," "we are issuing definite instructions and a short Press statement."

The Congress President further said that except the Orissa Ministry all other Ministries would resign by the end of this month. As the Orissa Assembly had been fixed for November 3, the Ministry might take a few days to resign.—United Press.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MINISTERS

Presidents And Speakers Will Keep Their Posts

WARDHAGANJ, October 23.—The following statement has been issued by the Parliamentary Sub-Committee of the Congress Working Committee for the guidance of Ministers and Members of the Legislatures:—

The resolution of the Working Committee calls upon Congress Provincial Governments to tender their resignation. These resignations should be given after the Assembly meetings which have been convened for the purpose of discussing the resolution on the war crisis and after discussing such urgent business as may be pending. But it is expected that resignations will be tendered by the 31st of October 1939.

The Central Provinces and Orissa Assemblies have been convened to meet at the beginning of November and the Provincial Governments in those Provinces will remain in office till after this meeting. Speakers and Deputy Speakers and Members of the Assemblies, Presidents and Members of the Councils are expected to retain their offices and seats. Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries are the only persons, who

GANDHIJI'S FULL APPROVAL

Rajen Babu On War Resolution

WARDHAGANJ, October 23.—The resolution of the Congress Working Committee had the full approval of Mahatma Gandhi, said Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Congress President, approached by the "United Press" representative.

The members of the Committee were found in high spirits when the Committee met at 9 this morning. Mr. Rajagopalachari is also attending the meeting.

Asked if the war resolutions given notice of in the different Provincial Assemblies will be pursued, the Congress President told the "United Press" that he would decide after having consulted Mahatma Gandhi tonight.

Most of the members are leaving tonight or tomorrow.—United Press.

Allahabad Ramila Procession Incident

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, October 23.—Elaborate police arrangements were made yesterday to prevent untoward incident with regard to the Ramila procession.

Considerable excitement among the processionists was caused when one magistrate stopped the Chawki which headed the procession with the figures of Viceroy and Gandhiji depicting Gandhiji's statement "Congress asked bread, but got stone."

This sort of caricature probably was considered objectionable by the magistrate but after three or four minutes' stoppage the procession was allowed to proceed.

The Bengal community celebrated 'Durga Puja' with great enthusiasm. There was a round of festivities with musical entertainments, dramas, etc.

are at present expected to resign. With regard to the resolution to be moved in the Assemblies on war aims, suitable amendments should be made in view of the new developments.—A. P.

"VERY NEBULOUS PLAN"

Ambekar On Consultative Committee

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Leader of the Independent Labour Party has issued the following statement:—

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the I. L. P., held on the 21st October, under the presidency of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the following resolution was passed:—

The Executive Council of the I.L.P. confirms the statement is

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PROBLEM OF RESIGNATION

Convenience Of Governors To Be Looked To

The actual tendering of resignations by the Congress Premiers, it is understood, will not be before the end of this month in view of the latest instructions reported to have been received from the High Command asking the Ministers to look to the convenience of the Governors as far as possible, while laying down office.

Every attempt will be made by the Ministers to ensure that the cordial relationship with the Governors are not to be disturbed in any way at this juncture.

The High Command's instructions, it is understood, are that the Premiers should call on the Governors in the course of the next three days and request them to make their own arrangements as early as possible in view of the Congress Working Committee's decision.

In the meantime, the resolution tabled by the Premiers clarifying the attitude of the Legislature towards war will be passed in Madras and Bombay during the week. The Orissa Assembly has been summoned for November 2.

The Premiers in the remaining Congress Provinces, it is understood, have been instructed to get the resolution published as a Government resolution in the Gazettes of the respective provinces. It is not possible to say, at this juncture, as to what the attitude of the Governors will be towards a move to get the Congress attitude clarified in a Government resolution. In case of any obstacles in this direction the Premiers of the North West Frontier Province, the United Provinces, Assam and the Central Provinces, it is understood, will take identical action with the Provinces like Madras and call a special session of the legislature for considering the resolution on war.

The present indications are that the resignations will be tendered only after the legislatures have clarified their attitude towards war.

BIHAR CABINET READY TO QUIT

PATNA, October 23.

It is understood that soon after receiving the news of the Congress Working Committee decision the Finance Minister Mr. A. N. Sinha was in telephonic consultation with the Premier Mr. Srikrishna Sinha who is at present at Mussoorie.

The Premier is reported to have advised the Finance Minister to be ready to tender resignation by October 30.

Mr. Srikrishna Sinha is expected to return to Patna on October 29.—A. P.

Opposition Plans To Step Into Bombay Ministry's Shoes

Clauses Regarding Machinery To Implement Rural Debt Adjustments Passed

BOMBAY, Monday.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MET TO-DAY IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF STRAINED CALM.

There was an utter lack of activity and life in the House. Discussion was carried on in a mechanical manner. Some of the Opposition members were confabulating as to how best to marshal their forces when the Congress Ministry resigns.

Attempts are being made by certain Opposition Party leaders to present a united front with a view to taking up the reins of the Government.

The Opposition, consisting as it does of various interests and groups, with diametrically opposite views and policies, will find it extremely difficult, if not impossible to form a ministry, but all the same attempts are going strong. The coming few days will reveal how far the attempts will bear fruit.

Without even a word of discussion, the House adopted all the amendments of the Tenancy Bill as passed in the Upper House.

Discussion of the second reading of the Agricultural Debtors' Relief Bill was then resumed and Clause 49 of the Bill, which laid down the value of the property and other assets of the debtor to be determined by a Debt Adjustment Board was passed.

SCALING DOWN DEBTS.

Clause 50 of the Bill, providing for scaling down of the debts according to the value of the property and the paying capacity of the debtor was then taken up for consideration.

Mr. S. V. Parulekar moved an amendment suggesting a graded scale for scaling down debts.

Mr. A. B. Lathe, Finance Minister, opposed the amendment on the ground that the provisions made in the Bill were reasonable. The amendment was lost.

Mr. R. R. Bhole moved an amendment pointing out that the debts should be scaled down to 40 per cent. instead of 80 per cent. Mr. M. S. Mitha moved another amendment suggesting that the debts should be scaled down to 50 per cent.

The Finance Minister opposed the amendments. All the amendments were rejected.

The Finance Minister stated that if those who had moved the amendments tried to find out what the effect of those amendments would be after considering what the amount of indebtedness was in each particular case, they would find that the apparent equitable character of their proposals was not real. He did not think that there was any justification for scaling down the debts, as suggested.

All the amendments were rejected. Clause 50, as slightly amended by Government, was then accepted. Clause 51 was also passed in quick succession.

AWARD FORM.
The next clause which was then taken up laid down that after determining the amount of debts scaled down in the manner provided in the Bill, the Board should make an award in a prescribed form.

Mr. D. K. Kunte (Kolaba) moved an amendment to a sub-clause suggesting the instalment in which the debts should be paid, provided the total annual instalments should not exceed 25 and the Board should ascertain the net annual instalments payable by him, might not exceed his net annual income.

Mr. Lathe accepted the amendment which was carried by the House.

MAXIMUM OF 6 PER CENT.
Discussion was raised on another sub-clause which sought to fix the maximum rate of interest at 6 per cent. in regard to the amount to be paid to each creditor.

Mr. R. R. Bhole moved an amendment suggesting that the rate of interest should be paid in accordance with the Bank rate of the Reserve Bank of India.

Mr. S. V. Parulekar moved another amendment suggesting that the rate of interest should not exceed three per cent.

Mr. Mohammed Suleman Gasim Mitha supported the amendment.

The Finance Minister opposing the amendments said that the Board while fixing the rate of interest would be careful to see that the rate was such as the debtor would be able to pay. That was a fairly adjustable arrangement. The amendments were rejected.

The clause was accepted by the House.

LAND MORTGAGE BANKS.

Clause 53 which empowered the Board to prepare a scheme for adjustment of debts through the Provincial Land Mortgage Bank was, then, taken up for consideration.

Before making the award, the Board may call upon the creditors to state in writing whether they will agree to further scale down the debts to such an extent as to reduce the debt to a sum not exceeding half the value of the immovable property of the debtor and that they will receive Government authorised bonds which are guaranteed by the Provincial Government and being equivalent in value to the sum which is agreed upon to be half or less than half the value of the immovable property of the debtor.

Mr. Parulekar moved an amendment for the deletion of the words which sought to give guarantee to the bonds by the Provincial Government and which do not exceed half the value of the immovable property of the debtor.

Mr. Sharpe (Progress Group) supported the amendment.

Mr. Lathe had not replied when the House adjourned till Tuesday (to-day).

INTERIM MINISTRY NOT POSSIBLE

Lobby Talks In Assembly

BOMBAY, Monday.
Rumours have been persisting in the city since morning that the Governor of Bombay sent for Mr. Jammadas Mehta to-day. Enquiries in this connection show that there is absolutely no basis for the rumour.

Lobbies of the Legislative Assembly were thick with another

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